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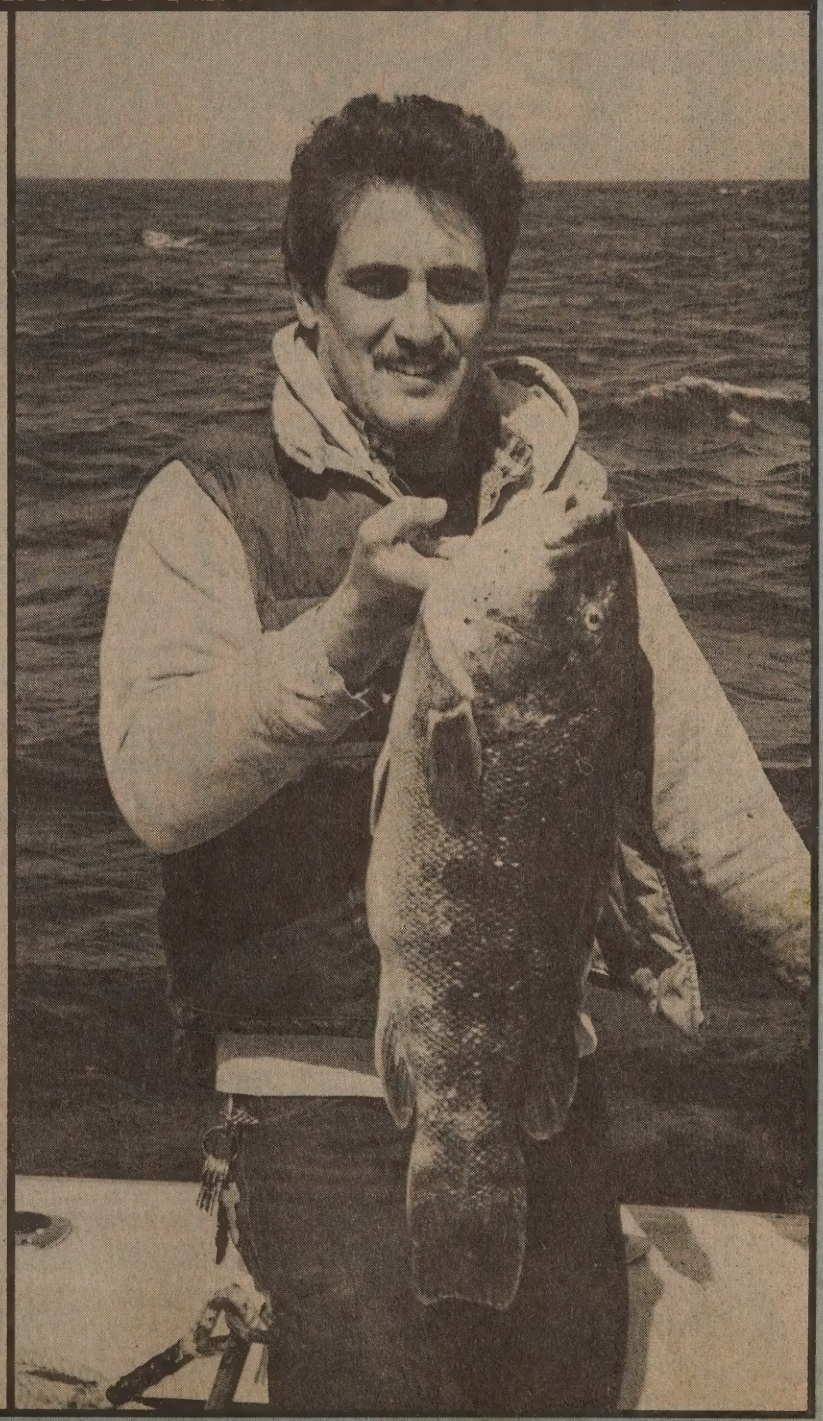

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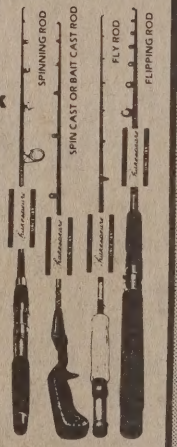

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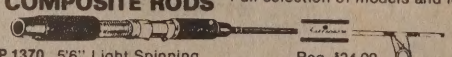

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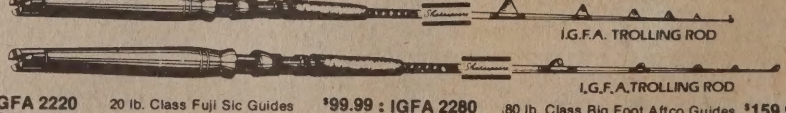

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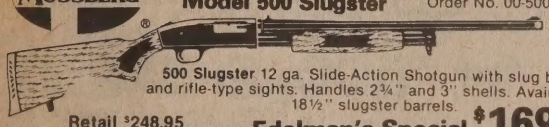

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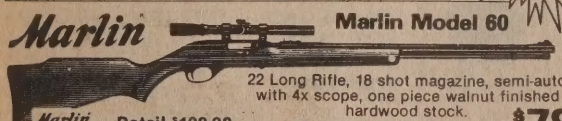

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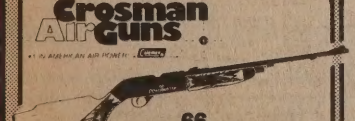

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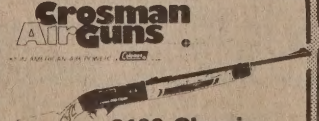

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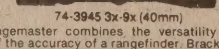

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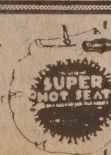

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Long Island's wrecks are frequented by a host of inshore and pelagic species. This brute of a blackfish was culled from a south shore ocean wreck. Wreck Series author, John Raguso, will be unraveling some of the mysteries of local wrecks and wreck fishing at a Fisherman Seminar on Thursday, September 11. See page 11 for more details. Pete Barrett Photo.

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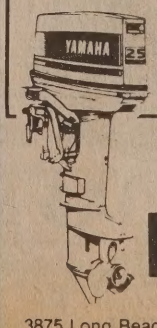

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For further information contact: Berner High School Adult Education, after 4:30 PM, (516) 541-7266.

LARGE PELAGICS

The Atlantic billfish plan is still dead in the water due to the New England Fishery Management Council's stubborn resistance to certain key provisions. Of the five councils involved in drafting the plan, New England alone objects to banning the sale of marlin and sailfish and prohibiting their possession by commercial vessels. The commercially-dominated council's objections are primarily ideological; a knee-jerk reaction against any restrictions on what commercial longliners can do with their by-catch.

The New England Council is working on a minority plan for implementation in its region only. The proposal will be submitted to the other four councils for approval at an August meeting, but will almost certainly be rejected. A separate regime, no matter how cleverly devised, would render the rest of the plan unenforceable and create a gigantic loophole for the development of a commercial market for billfish. The other councils, anxious to implement a billfish plan and fed up with New England's stonewalling, are expected to exercise one of two options: either ask the Secretary of Commerce to exclude New England from the planning process and make it a four council plan; or designate the South Atlantic Council the lead council, giving it the authority to override New England's objections.

The councils are preparing to write more stringent management measures into the current Atlantic swordfish FMP in response to the latest, bleak assessment of the status of the stocks. The report shows that a much greater reduction in fishing pressure will be needed to rebuild the severely depleted stocks.

Meanwhile, regional closures in the Atlantic, Gulf and Caribbean will go into effect this fall, as will the prohibition on nighttime longlining by foreign tuna fishermen to reduce the swordfish by-catch. The Japanese have filed suit over the longlining restriction, claiming the U.S. does not have the authority under the Magnuson Act to manage tuna fishing. But since even the U.S. State Department, the Japan Fisheries Association's most devoted ally on this side of the Pacific, okayed the nighttime longlining ban, a Japanese victory in court may only provide the necessary impetus to finally convince Congress to include tunas under the MFCMA.

SMITHTOWN BAY POWER SQUADRON

The Smithtown Bay Power Squadron will be holding its Basic Boating Course. Registration will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd at 8PM in the Nesaquake Jr. High School on Edgewod Ave., St. James. A small fee will be charged for materials needed.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Richard Tepedino at 724-3699 or Nicholas Mitchel at 265-0225.

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Great Fishing in Lake Ontario & Tributaries is the first guide book to cover the extraordinary fishing now taking place on the smallest great lake. The book is authored by well known outdoor writer Rich Giessuebel, whose articles appear regularly in such magazines as the New Jersey Fisherman and the Great Lakes Fisherman.

The book is divided into four parts and 21 chapters. The first part provides interesting and useful background information: history, management, stocking policies, etc. Included here are many pages filled with trip planning data, including one whole chapter on charter services.

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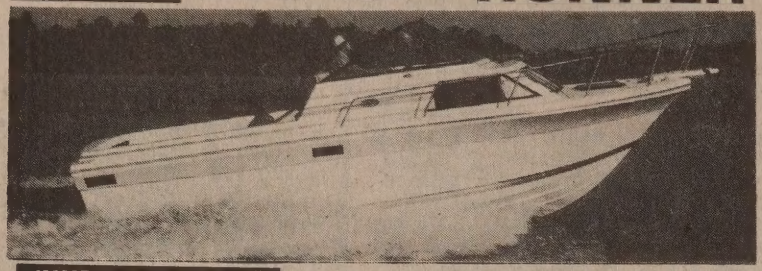

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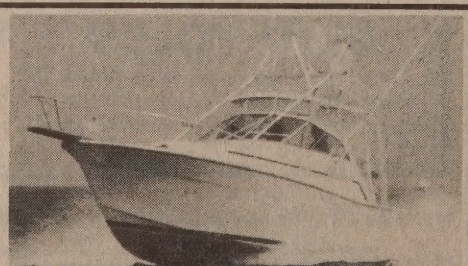

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BOATING SKILLS COURSE IN LINDENHURST

Flotilla 1-4 of Lidenhurst will be presenting a Boating Skills and Seamanship course on Tuesday evenings from 8PM until 10PM. The ten-week course will run from September 16th until November 25th at the Lindenhurst Junior High School, located on Wellwood Avenue south of Lindenhurst Village. Boat handling, navigation, rules of the road, and required equipment are some of the topics that will be presented. Over the past few years, many new rules and regulations along with changes in our buoy system have gone into effect. To take the auxiliary course this fall will mean that you will be ready in the spring for an enjoyable boating season. The course is offered free. There is, however, a small fee of $15 to cover the text book, workbook and exam booklet, which are yours to keep. (Husbands and wives may register for $25 per couple). Registration will take place on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:30 PM, prior to the start of the first class. For additional information, please contact Charles Hansen, Public Education Staff Officer, at 957-6266 after 6PM.

ADULT BOATING SAFETY COURSE OFFERED BY FLOTILLA 12-5

Flotilla 12-5, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, College Point Unit, is offering its fall, 1986 Basic Seamanship and Boating Safety Course for adults 18 and over. The course will be comprised of 13 lessons plus an optional certification test. The certificates will be honored by most insurance companies for a policy discount.

The course will start on Tuesday, September 23rd, 8PM sharp, and each Tuesday thereafter. It will be held at Flotilla 12-5's Headquarters in the Mayers Boatyard Marina, 20-08 119th St., College Point, NY. The Marina is at the foot of 20th Avenue.

A donation to cover expenses will be $17.50 per person plus required course book $7.50; both payable at time of registration, September 23rd.

Flotilla 12-5 has been offering these courses for the past 29 years and has U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors who are highly qualified. The sessions will have both lecture periods and visual aid backups to make each evening's subject more interesting.

The Course is programmed for both new and aspiring boaters as well as boat owners seeking a well rounded education in safety, boat handling and

basic seamanship. A special emphasis is placed on the knowledge of safe boating for enjoyment. For further information, contact the Public Education Office, Ron Werner, (718) 762-5490.

OY IS ON THE WAY OUT

"If we're truly going to conserve the resource, we must do away with OY (optimum yield)," NMFS director William Gordon told a June fishery management seminar at the University of Rhode Island. "We simply can't raise OY to suit a group of angry fishermen who aren't making enough money."

Optimum Yield is the formula for establishing allowable catch levels uner the Magnuson Act, whereby the social and economic consequences of management decisions are factored in along with the biological. Gordon's remark underscores the diminished confidence in OY as a viable concept for preventing overfishing. By setting the short-term interests of fishermen against the long-term health of the resource, the resource invariably loses. Hence, there is mounting support for restricting the concept of OY to the allocation process, and thus keeping resource conservation independent of user-oriented decisions. This is, in fact, one conclusion of the recently released "NOAA Fishery Management Study," which will be reviewed in detail in the next issue of the *Marine Bulletin.*

FISHING RESOURCE CHALLENGES

Sport fishng, the second most popular recreational among American adults, faces serious challenges which must be met forthrightly for the sport to grow according to Norville Prosser, Vice President of the Sport Fishing Institute (SFI), "Most of our nation's sport fishing opportunities are dependent upon habitat protection and management of lakes, streams, bays and estuaries. 'Progress' to accommodate human needs, if done incorrectly, threatens our precious fisheries resource." Our nation's army of outdoorsmen, including the 54 million U.S. fishermen, must join forces to stop the chemical contamination of our rivers, the erosion of billions of tons of topsoil into our rivers and lakes, and the insensitive damming of streams for hydropower and irrigation purposes without careful consideration of fishery damages.

SFI suggests that when one of your favorite fishing spots is damaged or threatened, contact your local state officials. Remind them that sport fishing is important to you and your family. Inform them that fishing is also important business. SFT estimates that sport fishermen spent $25 billion in 1985 on goods and services used in fishing. Write your U.S. Senators and Congressman. They appreciate hearing from their constitutents and will carefully consider your opinions.

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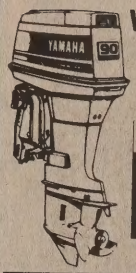

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CLUB STANDINGS—

CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. Mid Island Surfcasters	363	309	181	853
2. Gateway Striper Club	371	296	101	768
3. Hampton Surf Club	460	167	92	719
4. Patchogue Fishing Club	295	208	162	665
5. East End Surf Club	47	306	243	596
6. High Hill Striper Club	110	206	214	530
7. Farragut Striper Club	103	248	111	462
8. L.I. Surf Fishers Assoc.	113	58	116	287
9. Striper Surf Club	90	102	28	220

HEAVIEST STRIPED BASS—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. H. Wojcik	55 pounds, 0 ounces	HSC
2. R. Perlow	40 pounds, 4 ounces	HSC
3. M. Borucke	38 pounds, 4 ounces	HSC

HEAVIEST BLUEFISH—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. E. Konkel	17 pounds, 12 ounces	EES
2. R. Perlow	16 pounds, 11 ounces	HSC
3. R. Perlow	15 pounds, 4 ounces	HSC

HEAVIEST WEAKFISH—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. D. Meola	13 pounds, 4 ounces	EES
2. G. Wade	12 pounds, 12 ounces	FSC
3. O. Van Helmond	12 pounds, 8 ounces	PFC

MOST POINTS OVERALL—Individual Top 20

ANGLER	CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. J. Paduano	EES	47	214	101	362
2. O. Van Helmond	PFC	127	61	83	271
3. J. McKay	GSC	184	71	0	255
4. R. Perlow	HSC	80	117	55	252
5. W. Miller	MIS	174	27	48	249
6. T. Watters	MIS	91	103	0	194
7. H. Wojcik	HSC	141	9	20	170
8. K. Britz	HSC	138	22	0	160
9. J. Sapienza	LISA	76	28	54	158
10. D. Palmer	MIS	30	88	29	147
11. J. Augeri	GSC	27	62	44	133
12. M. Borucke	HSC	101	19	8	128
13. F. Schwab	HHS	38	13	71	122
14. T. Farrell	GSC	48	56	15	119
15. W. Joseph	FSC	36	75	0	111
16. J. Hanson	GSC	36	51	17	104
17. G. Wade	FSC	12	48	39	99
18. W. Muller	HHS	0	88	9	97
19. W. Miller, Jr.	HHS	47	21	25	93
20. P. Cilento	PFC	37	56	0	93
21. G. Hall	PFC	72	0	21	93

RELEASED FISH POINTS—Top 3 Clubs

1. Gateway Striper Club ..... 1143 points
2. Mid Island Surfcasters ..... 876 points
3. High Hill Striper Club ..... 577 points

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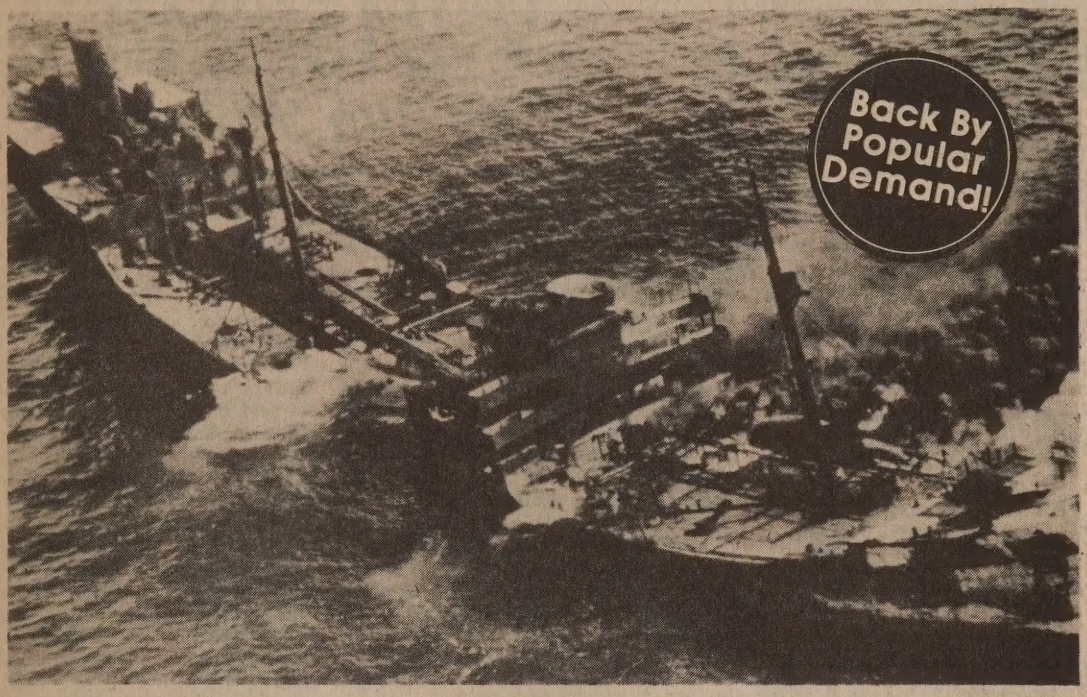

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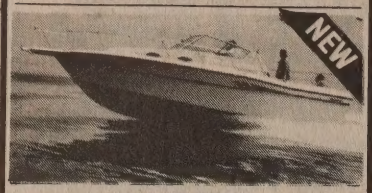

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by Jim White

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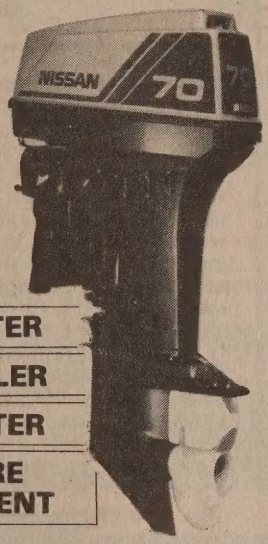

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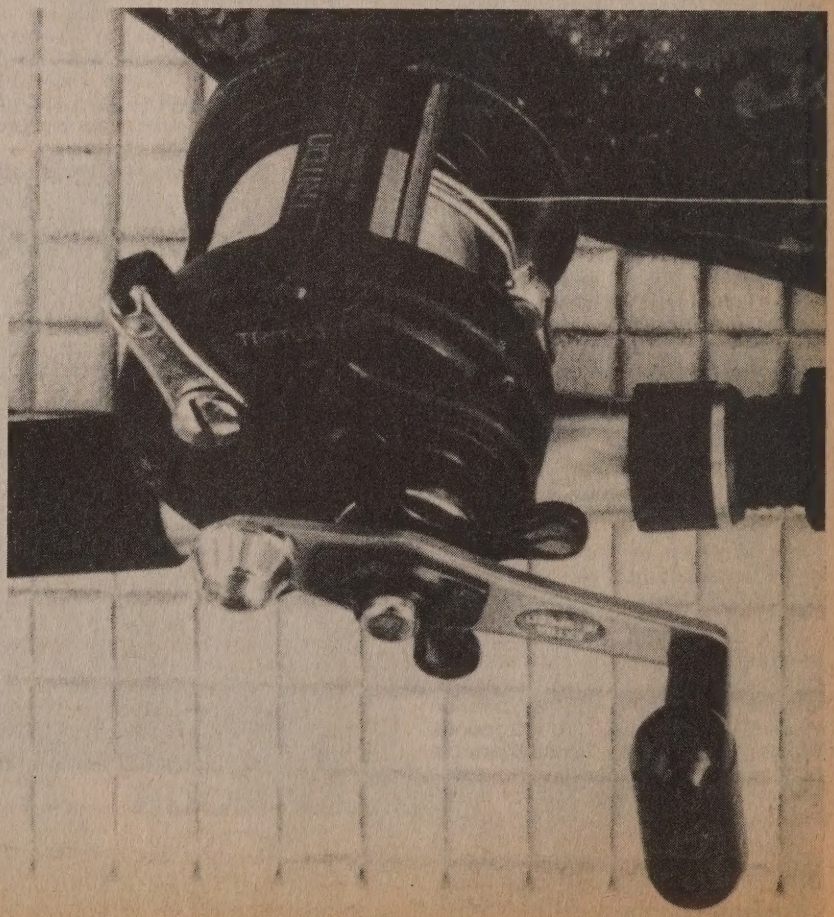
TRITON GT SERIES REELS

by Eric Burnley

Over the past ten years I have evolved from a total dependence on spin casting to an almost total use of bait casting reels. One void I had not filled in my conventional casting arsenal was a reel that would be at home drifting for summer flounder, casting for weakfish or jigging for blues. I was using a Shimano bantam 400, but it was a bit light for the bigger fish and the rod I matched it to could not handle heavier jigs or sinkers.

I believe I have found one answer to my problem with the acquisition of a Shimano Triton 100 GT series reel and a Shimano Graphite C-GC1653 rod. The reel has all the power, line capacity and drag capability required to handle any saltwater fish you are likely to encounter and the rod will work with lures or weights in the 1/2 to 2 ounce range.

The Triton GT Levelwinds are billed as downrigger reels in the Shimano catalog with heavy emphasis on trolling the Great Lakes for various species of salmon. I have a downrigger on my boat, but we don't pass over many salmon in my area of the Atlantic Coast. We do pass over some big bluefish, weakfish, false albacore and a king mackerel or two. To date, the reel has performed to perfection on the blues, weaks and flounder, so I expect the same good results when I try it out on false albacore and kings.



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I have owned several Shimano reels over the years and all are still working without any problems. Shimano is the world's largest producer of bicycle parts and their expertise in making those precision parts has carried over into the fishing reel business.

The Triton GT series reels are made of a space age material, a composite of graphite and titanium, which results in a light but very strong product. The graphite/titanium blend is also totally non-corrosive, so exposure to saltwater will not ruin it. I still spray my reels with a dose of oil after each use just to be safe and to make sure the smaller metal parts don't corrode.

The ball bearing titanium drag system is heat stable up to 2,000 degrees farenheit. This means your fishing line may melt and your shorts may catch fire, but your drag will still be functional! Not only is the drag heat resistant, it is also very smooth and the large star wheel makes fine adjustments easy to handle. The ball bearing allows immediate line release when a big fish heads for the horizon, so there is no jerkiness at the start of a strong, hard run.

Other features include a free spool release lever on the right side of the reel; a cast control knob for those of us who still possess an ignorant, if somewhat calloused thumb; and a very large handle and knob that feels comfortable in your hand and is easy to grab even when slimy with fish or bait.

The gear ratio is 4.3:1 which will speed crank your jig or keep up with a fish running to the boat. Line capacity is enormous for a reel of this size. You can store 390 yards of 12 pound or 250 yards of 17 pound on the one piece aluminum spool.

The Triton 200 GT is larger and holds 480 yards of 14 pound line and 300 yards of 20 pound mono. It has the same 4.3:1 gear ratio and the same strong construction.

Both reels feature a non-disengaging chromed brass level wind mechanism. In the time I have had the reel no problems developed with the level wind either while casting or retrieving. It does get an extra shot of lube at the end of the day just to keep the salty little gremlins out.

All internal parts are made of strong and corrosive materials like brass, stainless steel and special metals for gears that Shimano calls Super Gears and which will never wear out even after bouts with large fish.

Shimano tested these reels on tarpon from 80 to 140 pounds and the Triton GTs passed with flying colors. I believe they would hold a tuna or white marlin if matched to the proper rod, but most of us will use them on inshore species and there is no question they will do a fine job for many years.

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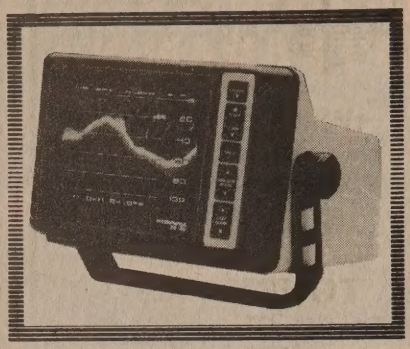

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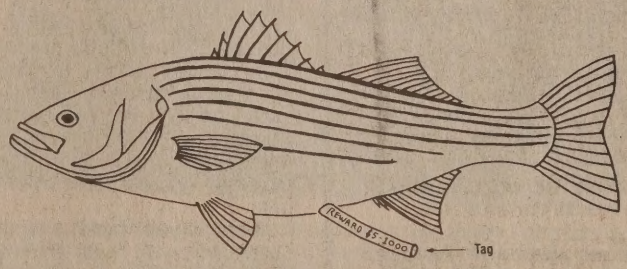

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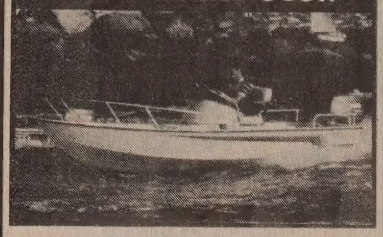
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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I have been referred to "The Doc" as a possible source of information as to where I could get a trolling reel overhauled and repaired. It is Ocean City Trolling Reel, Model 605. I had left it with The Fishin' Shop, on Belair Road, in Overlea, and they were unable to repair it, or tell me who could do the work required to return it to good condition. Do you know where parts can be obtained. The Fishin' Shop tells me a gear should be replaced. Did Ocean City get bought out by another company that might have parts?

I would appreciate any information you could give me. *John A. Thielman.*

Dear John,

When the Ocean City Reel Company went out of business no one picked up the line. The only source for parts is to visit local tackle shops and ask if they have any in stock.

There is a source for repairs not too far from you. I suggest you write to Pousen's Reel Service, 115 Belmont Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware 19084. This shop does repairs on all types of reels and can, if necessary, machine the parts to repair reels that are no longer being manufactured.

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Dear Doc,

I've been reading about the fish scents in The Fisherman and other fishing publications to which I am a subscriber. What I need is the address of the manufacturers of Fish Formula. I am not totally sold on the fish scents, but am interested enough to want more information on their use.

What is your honest opinion of the scents? Do you really think they work, by attracting fish to the lures? And if so, why do they attract fish?

I await your reply.

Herman Atkinson.

Dear Herman,

First off, the fish scents do work under some applications and not others. This is only my personal opinion and has no scientific research behind it.

We've tried several brands for saltwater application and in a few instances the results were definitely a plus, while in others there was no significant difference in our catch as compared to others fishing on the boat, using the same baits and possessing an equal amount of skill.

The one area where the scent additive produced outstanding resuls was when chumming for winter flounder. We used Berkley's Strike (saltwater) and had four times as many flounder as our partner. This was not only a one day test, but it was noted on at least six occasions. The Strike was added to the crushed clam and mussel chum and lowered to bottom in the standard manner. We then spread Strike on the strips of clam and pieces of worm.

The Fish Formula has also proven itself on more than one occasion although not quite as effectively as did the Berkley Strike when used for winter flounder. We've tried the Fish Formula by mixing it with chum when seeking blues, bonito and weakfish and have also used it on baits when drift fishing for fluke and weakfish. The results would seem to bear out the fact that scents do attract fish to some degree. Whether or not the fish scent actually brings fish on the run is another matter. Maybe their effectiveness is due to the fact that they mask human odor and that alone would increase the catch for anglers who have gasoline, tobacco or other odors on their hands when attaching baits or lures.

At any rate, we do use the scents at times and feel they are beneficial under certain applications.

The address for Fish Formula is: Keeper Bait Company, Inc., 107 Allen Street, P.O. Box 95, Bruceton, TN 38317.

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Dear Doc,

I fish with a cousin of mine on his private boat, the "Nancy B. II" and I have seen in the past how well the sharpies do when fishing with live bunker. After many years of torture we just had to invest in a live bait well. So, for his 65th birthday, I gave him the key to success, a 25 gallon Bunker Caddy. This caddy is compatible with a Jabsco motor, pumps 5 gallons of sea water per minute, so it would take approximately 5 minutes to circulate 25 gallons (the capacity of the tank). The question is, is it necessary to run the pump constantly since it draws so much current (7 amps); and what is the optimal number of bunker that should be kept in a 25 gallon caddy?

I would love to see an article writ-

ten on the use and efficiency of live bait wells so that I and other readers of The Fisherman might be educated on this matter. *Anthony R. Mule'.*

Dear Anthony,

This time you got lucky. We were in on the live lining craze at the start and have experimented with dozens of different systems to keep our live baits healthy and kicking until a hungry striped bass had a chance to gobble them up.

You're on target with the Caddy tanks. It is an excellent product that will withstand plenty of abuse before giving up the ghost. We've had one for more than 10 years and it's a good as new.

I would not attempt to keep more than a half dozen bunker in the 25 gallon tank for any length of time. If attempting to keep the baits overnight I'd limit the number to four, but if you are using the baits you might start off with six or eight and as you deplete the supply there is more room for the remaining baits to swim without banging into the sides of the tank and becoming raggedy looking.

We will definitely try to have an article covering live bait tanks (portable and built-in) in a future issue. I cannot promise when the article will appear but we'll try to get one of our staff members who is familiar with live lining do the story as soon as possible.

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Dear Doc,

I've been plagued by line twist when trolling spoons for bluefish and bonito. Is there anything I can do to stop the badly twisting action of the spoon?

Snap swivels don't seem to do the job and sometimes the twists are so bad, I can see the line braiding as I troll. Help! *Sam Conti.*

Dear Sam,

Without knowing more details, I can only make reasonable guesses as to what is actually happening with your line. Small spoons when trolled above speeds of 3 or 4 knots will spin and this is probably what is causing your line twist problem.

Standard snap swivels will not prevent 100 percent of the twisting, so you may want to try using a high quality ball bearing style snap swivel. They can be expensive, often $2 to $3 each, but they offer excellent free wheeling of the swivel and usually eliminate a lot of twisting.

You might want to try using a drail about 6 feet ahead of the spoon. Use the kind sold by Bridgeport Tackle Company that has bead chain running through the center of the torpedo shaped drail. Rig the leader with 30 pound mono. The combination of bead chain drail, heavier mono and a final Sampo ball bearing snap swivel just eliminate 99 percent of the twist.

Trolling with spoons WILL twist your line, but the above methods will minimize the effects of the revolving spoon.

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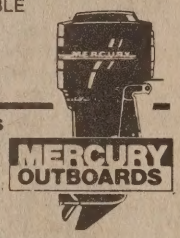

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THE REALITY OF A STRIPED BASS BAN

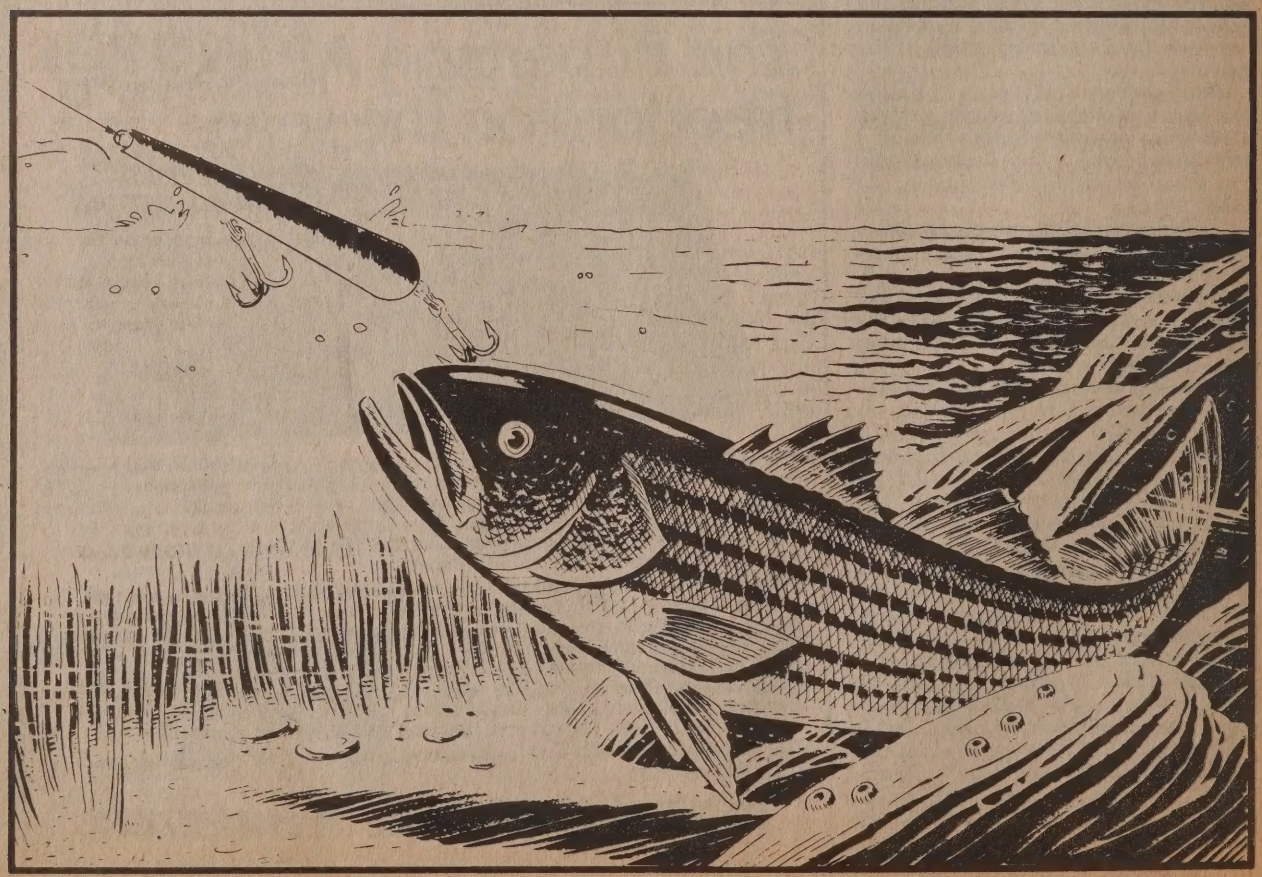
by Fred Golofaro

Striped bass had long been his favorite game fish. Through his youth and into adulthood, the fish had held a certain mystique. A symbol of freedom, mystery, and boldness, he had pursued them with unbounded enthusiasm for as long as he could remember. Gradually, the striper's noble cloak was being stripped away by over-exploitation, PCB contamination and political maneuverings. But the man still revered these great fish.

Though bogged down by the responsibilities that come with a growing family and a demanding job, he still found time to share the striper's environment. Mostly now, it was the beaches of Long Island, with annual pilgrimages to either Cape Cod, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard or Rhode Island. And while he loved these beaches and the pursuit of Roccus, he also held a deep concern for the future of a species that he admired greatly. He understood the cyclic nature of finfish but he also saw the very real threats of overharvesting and pollution. He was not a radical conservationist, but instead longed for sensible management of striped bass stocks. A task made increasingly difficult by a rising bounty on the striper's head and the greed of those who harvest them. If the commercials, rod and reelers and netters, had only been willing to make some meaningful concessions in the beginning, then the current picture might have been brighter for all concerned. Instead, they had fought every attempt at sensible management and now they, along with those who had no interest in selling bass, were paying the price with a total ban. A ban which reeked of senselessness for many reasons, but also because, from a management standpoint, a ban on the sale of stripers had far and away satisfied any management concerns.

It had been a long summer away from any real attempts at surf fishing. Instead, he tutored two young sons on the finer points of catching snappers and fluke. Family and other commitments had kept him from those night long vigils in pursuit of the striper. He rationalized that maybe it was better that way now. The new ban on the possession of striped bass left no margin for error should he kill one of these noble fish.

He had fought to convince the State DEC and Governor Cuomo that a minimal bag was prudent. In the midst of the political turmoil surrounding the striper, Cuomo saw fit to use his powers to erase last season's two fish bag altogether and impose a total ban on possession. The angler knew that there would be abuses but he also knew, from first-hand experience, that there would always be fish that could not be released alive for a variety of reasons. He had released many trophy fish in his lifetime, not just striped bass, but tiderunner weaks, blues, tuna, trout and black bass. At the tender age of



12, he practiced a self-imposed size limit of 16 inches on all trout he landed and still saw fit to release many above that size. He was releasing big weaks and stripers long before it was in vogue. Through the years he caught much grief from a fish loving family frustrated by his desire to return most of what he caught rather than have it grace the dinner table. But he was also selective about the fish he released. He preferred never to remove a fish from the water and always had reservations about weighing a big fish before release. He frequently crushed the barbs of his hooks to aid in their removal. He also accepted the fact that the odds of a successful release of a big striper "under the Light" at Montauk, or in a thunderous surf under a howling northeaster were not good. He would never jeopardize letting such a noble fish go to waste under these circumstances.

And so it was, he found himself on a long deserted beach on the last weekend of summer. He had arrived before the sun and for more than an hour had tossed an array of needlefish and swimming plugs into the fading darkness. Dawn broke and still no blues or bass responded to his offerings, but his nose had sensed the presence of bunker and mullet. He was confident that sunrise would bring some kind of action as he snapped on a large, white Gibbs Pencil Popper.

After several minutes of casting, he raised his first fish. It was a good fish and his pulse quickened. A couple of casts later, a husky 13 lb. striper took a liking to the hunk of wood dancing wildly across the surface. The fish was quickly unhooked and weighed and was soon riding a receding wave back to its domain.

The action quickened and stripers, many of them cows, were rising steadily to his plug. He saw what he knew were certainly those magical fifties crash the plug in a welter of spray, only to miss the needle-sharp trebles in their mad rush. A 20 pounder stayed long enough to taste the scale, as did another lesser fish. The angler's mind raced back to another decade, the last time he had enjoyed such action with stripers on popping plugs.

At the end of the cast, as his plug danced over the remains of a broken wave, there was a huge boil. In seconds, the big fish had churned an area the size of a living room into a froth. The spectacular surface display was reminiscent of past bouts with big tarpon in the Florida Keys. For what seemed like minutes, she stayed in that one spot. With head-shaking, gills flaring and turning cartwheels, she was frantically trying to shake the steel from her jaws. Eventually, she settled into a long run. He applied as much pressure as he dared because he knew that those surface antics had cost the fish dearly. The fish made a second long run and he cursed the fish for being so stubborn. He spoke to her, trying to coax her into saving what energy she had left for the task ahead. The fish was fighting itself into exhaustion and the man's efforts to put an abrupt end to the bout was complicated as the striper turned broadside with the plug stretched across her gill plate. Eventually, a wave left her high and dry.

With pliers and scale tucked into his wader pouch, it was only a matter of seconds before the fish was free of the trebles and weighed. The scale settled comfortably beyond the 40 pound mark. Quite a fish on a popping plug, he thought. He removed two scales from the fish and immediately went to work trying to revive her. He had caught many big bass before, and while he still admired the awesome appearance of big stripers, there was no hesitation in getting the fish back into the water. He knew he had his work cut out for him and deep down, he knew the odds were against this great fish. As the minutes ticked by, the fish showed no progress. The job was complicated by enough of a heave to send both fish and man tumbling up the beach in the wash on two occasions. The man, too, was becoming weary. It had been ten minutes now that he had been struggling in the surf with 40 plus pounds of fish in his arms.

The pleasure and excitement he had felt only a short while before was long gone as the realization that the fish would not make it, set in. His thoughts turned sad that the fish would not survive and then bitter at the thought of leaving such a great fish to rot on the beach. He thought of Governor Cuomo and how he had allowed politics to affect what should have been a simple and sensible decision. The man had fought against just such a scenario and now, here he was confronted by it. Out of anger or frustration, he wasn't sure which, he released his grip on the fish. He knew it was a futile effort but he hoped that by some miracle the fish would gather its senses beyond the wash. Like a log, the fish slid out with the next receding wave. He returned to his rod and half-heartedly lobbed two or three more casts. Each raised healthy stripers and he was struck by the realization that he did not want to risk catching another. Out of the corner of his eye, he watched the striper's lifeless bulk being swept up and down in the wash.

Drained now of any satisfaction he had felt earlier, anger and frustration welled up inside him. He set aside his rod and struggled to retrieve the lifeless corpse. His sense of frustration drove him to spend another ten futile minutes wrestling to revive the fish. Finally, soaked to the bone and dripping with sweat, he slumped down on the damp sand. Confused by his own principles, which screamed not to let this precious resource go to waste, and by his very nature to obey all laws, he sat alone. He felt totally spent. It had been a long time since he had felt such emotion.

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ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES:

THE U.S.S. BASS

by John Raguso

This week's installment of the Atlantic Wreck series takes us out east, to the fertile waters south of Block Island and southeast of Montauk Point.

For all you New England Fisherman readers who are new to the Atlantic Wreck Series, welcome aboard! Over the course of the next few weeks, we are going to cover some fish-producing shipwrecks in the Block Island/Long Island Sound areas that you have probably heard skippers talking about on the VHF, but never knew where to go to find out their positional coordinates. This weekly line-up will include wrecks like the U.S.S. Bass, the coal-carryling Collier Blackpoint, which was one of World War II's last victims, the German Navy submarine U-853, the passenger ferry Larchmont, the steamship Grecian and some others.

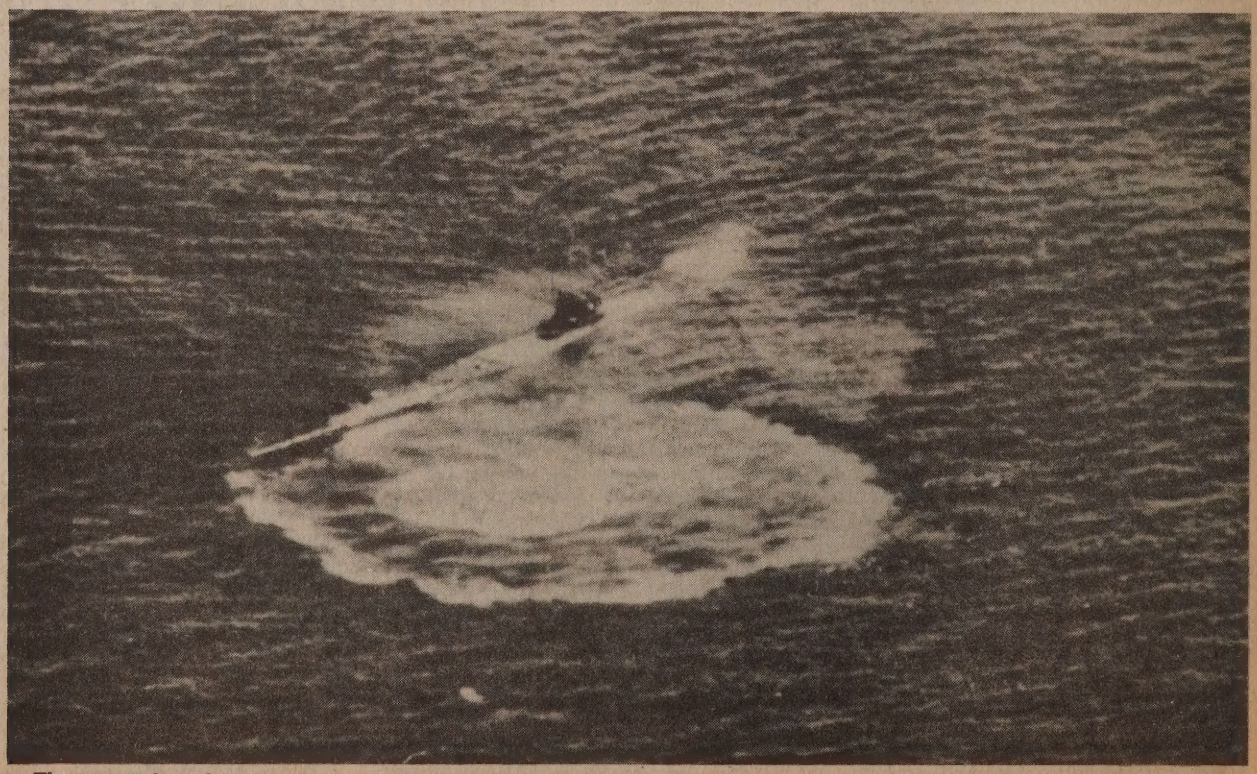
For those readers who are unaware, fishing in either the shadows or general proximity of shipwrecks can really improve your productive time on the water and catch ratios. The steel or wooden structure of a shipwreck acts as a sort of artificial reef to attract marine growth and organisms, which in turn lures various baitfish to feed on this protective, stationary shelter. Pelagic predators like tuna, sharks and marlin invade the wrecks with a high degree of regularity to "chow down" at these fast food stands. Local gamesters like blackfish, sea bass, cod, pollock, hake and bluefish take up a more prolonged residence on the wrecks during the course of a season, providing sinker bouncers with predictable activity and thus completing the biological chain of life.

The history of the U.S.S. Bass is clouded by a "Top Secret" shroud of mystery. Although she was an active participant in World War II as a patrol craft, the sub was decommissioned later on in the war due to design flaws. The Bass was destined to serve the Navy in greater capacity by her dstruction in "hush-hush" experimental bomb tests conducted in Block Island Sound back in March of 1945.

The following excerpt was taken from the "Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships," and will give us an executive summary of the U.S.S. Bass' history from commissioning in December of 1924 until its sinking over 20 years later.

"The first Bass (SF-5) was launched as V-2, 27 December 1924 by Portsmouth Navy Yard; sponsored by Mrs. Douglas E. Dismukes, wife of Captain Dismukes; and commissioned 26 September 1925, Lieutenant Commander G.A. Rood in command.

"V-2 was assigned to Submarine Division 20 and cruised along the Atlantic coast and in the Caribbean through November 1927 when the Division sailed for San Diego, arriving 3 December 1927. V-2 operated with the fleet on the west coast, in the Hawaiian Islands, and in the Caribbean until December 1932. V-2 was renamed Bass 9 March 1931 and in April was assigned to Division 12. On 1 July 1931 her designation was changed from SF-5 to SS-164. On 2 January 1933 she was assigned to



The second explosion causes the bow of the Bass to settle and she begins to slip beneath the waves. ***Photo courtesy of Frank Cerbini and the U.S. Navy.***

Rotating Reserve Submarine Division 15, San Diego. Bass rejoined the fleet again in July 1933 and cruised along the west coast, in the Canal Zone, and in the Hawaiian Islands until January 1937. She then departed the west coast and arrived at Philadelphia 18 February 1937 where she went out of commission in reserve 9 June.

"Bass was recommissioned at Portsmouth, N.H., 5 September 1940 and assigned to Submarine Division 9, Atlantic Fleet. Between February and November 1941 she operated along the New England coast and made two trips to St. Georges, Bermuda. She arrived at Coco Solo, C.Z., 24 November and was on duty there when hostilities broke out with Japan.

"During 1942 Bass was attached to Submarine Division 31, Squadron 3, Atlantic Fleet. Between March and August, while based at Coco Solo, she made four war patrols in the Pacific, off Balboa. On 17 August 1942, while at sea, a fire broke out in the after battery room and quickly spread to the after torpedo room and starboard main motor, resulting in the death of 25 enlisted men by asphyxiation. The following day Antaeus (AS-21) arrived to assist the submarine and escorted her into the Gulf of Dulce, Costa Rica. Both vessels then proceeded to Balboa.

"Bass remained in the Canal Zone until October 1942 when she departed for Philadelphia, arriving on the 19th. After undergoing repairs at Philadelphia Navy Yard, Bass proceeded to New London, Conn., where she conducted secret experiments off Block Island in December 1942. She was again in Philadelphia Yard for repairs from January to March 1944. During the remainder of the year she was attached to Submarine Squadron 1, Atlantic Fleet and operated out of New London in the area between Long Island and Block Island. Bass was decommissioned at the Submarine Base, New London, 3 March 1945 and 'destroyed' 12 March 1945."

The only part of the Navy Department historical account of the U.S.S. Bass that leaves the reader somewhat misled is the "destroyed" reference. At the time of its writing, the subject of the secret experiments conducted off of Block Island were probably still locked up in the Navy's "Top Secret" file. However, some additional light was shed on the demise of the Bass by an article that appeared in Skin Diver magazine back in 1977, authored by deep diver Thomas Roach. He was able to secure declassified documents from the Navy Department and the National Archives that cleared up the confusion surrounding the last days of the Bass. The only discrepancy between this more recent account of the sub compared to the official USN history books is the date that she went down. The navy lists her sinking as of 12 March 1945, whereas the Skin Diver account claims that the experiments took place on 18 March 1945. In any event, the Story by Mr. Roach picks up what actually transpired from eyewitness accounts: "Shortly after 11AM, the crew of the Navy PBY 29 began checking its aircraft prior to take off. Weather conditions were superb: ceiling unlimited, visibility 20 miles, surface winds five to six knots from the northwest, the sea calm. At Noon, the lumbering PBY Catalina climbed through the cold winter sky, leaving the Quonset Point Naval air station and the Rhode Island coastline behind. Nestled in its belly were two lethal Mark 24 torpex filled mines, to be tested in this top secret experimental mission. Passing over Block Island, the PBY "flying boat" changed course and began to descend toward the now-discernable vessel resting at anchor eight miles from the island's southeast point lighthouse.

"Anchored in normal diving trim, the Bass serenely awaited its final death blow. Inside the now-deserted hull, full watertight security was in effect, with all nine compartments sealed; the doors and hatches had been closed and dogged down only moments earlier by a skeleton crew."

The story goes on to describe the PBY's attack and sinking in great detail. The first torpex mine landed a few hundred feet from the Bass causing no apparent damage. On her second pass, the PBY placed her deadly egg only 100 feet from the outer skin of the Bass as she rested vulnerably at the surface. The detonation of the second aerial mine caused the internal hull of the sub to rupture, starting a chain reaction of secondary explosions, and sealing her fate. The experiment was over, as the Bass settled by the bow, and slipped unceremoniously into 25 fathoms of water for all eternity.

According to Pete Guglieri of the Atlantic Wreck Divers Club, their dives on the sub have always produced some interesting artifacts, as well as some gin-clear 50 foot visibility. Pete states that the Bass rests upright on a white sand bottom, with the bow section sitting approximately 50 feet away from the main hull, just on the border of visibility. Pollock and cod are plentiful on the wreck, according to his firsthand accounts.

Don't discount trolling or chunking for school tuna here, as the famed Butterfish Hole is only a few nautical miles from the Bass' resting place along the 25 fathom curve. You might also give shark drifting a shot too, since you have a fish haven bordering a fathom curve that acts as an underwater highway for these pelagic wanderers to follow on their seasonal migrations.

The next two weeks, we're going to cover one of the most tragic stories to come out of World War II. It's about the hunted, a helpless freighter, and the hunter, a feared Nazi U-Boat that stalked its prey only a few miles from the Rhode Island coastline, sending it to the bottom. However, in Week Two the hunter becomes the hunted as a U.S. hunter-killer force seeks revenge for this travesty. Tune in next week for the story of the Collier Blackpoint and the German sub U-853.

THE U.S.S. BASS
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: March 12 or 18, 1945
Date Built: December 27, 1924 at Portsmouth Navy Yard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
Length: 341.5 feet
Width: 27.6 feet
Displacement: 2,000 tons
Hull Construction: Steel
Hull Condition: Upright in the sand, in two pieces.
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Depth Over Wreck: 135 to 140 feet
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A SOUND FULL OF BLUEFISH

by Ted Keatley

If you haven't been able to catch bluefish this year, you might as well swap your rod and reel for a pogo stick or a set of tiddley-winks. 1985 has provided the best and most consistent action that I ever have seen in western Long Island Sound. It even surpasses the late 60s and early 70s.

It is amazing how the blues have changed the fishing in the Sound over the past 20 years. The disappearance of bluefish along the Atlantic Coast after the hurricane of 1938 came to an end just after World War II, but it took another 10 years for the choppers to find their way into the western end of the Sound.

In the mid-1950s, Bill Verboys used to run over to Oyster Bay from Mamaroneck and troll up some small harbor blues little bigger than a large snapper. If there were a dozen at the end of the trip, it had been a tremendous day.

The first bluefish "blitz" came a few years later in 1957 when Mark Broeckel and Dick Murphy ran to the Larchmont Hen and Chickens where they often plugged for bass. To their amazement, they found themselves in the middle of a bluefish blitz. When they returned to the dock with 28 school size choppers, it created the greatest excitement on the Mamaroneck waterfront since the day that the pig ate little Willie.

Each year after that, the blues became bigger and more plentiful although it was the middle 60s before there was consistent action west of Lloyds Neck.

This season, the blues arrived in western Long Island Sound by the middle of May and, unlike most seasons, they stayed. Usually, there is late May into June action with small to medium size blues followed by a dead spell. Normally, big blues are scarce before late July. However, I have been taking alligators in numbers resembling September action since the first week of June.

One of the obvious reasons for our good fortune was the tremendous amount of bait. Sand eels were plentiful and there were bunker schools in virtually every harbor. In spite of the poor spring mackerel run, there also were a great many young of the year tinkers.

There have been no bunker boats in the Sound this season. The Seacoast Products plant at Port Monmouth, New Jersey is permanently closed and Standard Products has shut down its Reedsville, Va. facility for at least this season. With these two competitors out of the picture, Zapata-Haynie, the only remaining major Atlantic Coast processor, apparently found it unnecessary to send its vessels on the long trip from Chesapeake Bay to Long Island Sound. The high cost of diesel fuel and the low fish meal prices have made the menhaden fishery minimally profitable at best in recent years.

In addition, there has not been the large movement of migrating bunkers to the Gulf of Maine which made them scarce in Long Island Sound during many recent summers.

With the striped bass fishery closed in Connecticut and New York waters, the blues have salvaged what would have been a disastrous year for sportsmen who would not be happy sinker bouncing for bottom species.

Although the bunkers were easy to find most of the time, I have done little livelining this season. Instead, I

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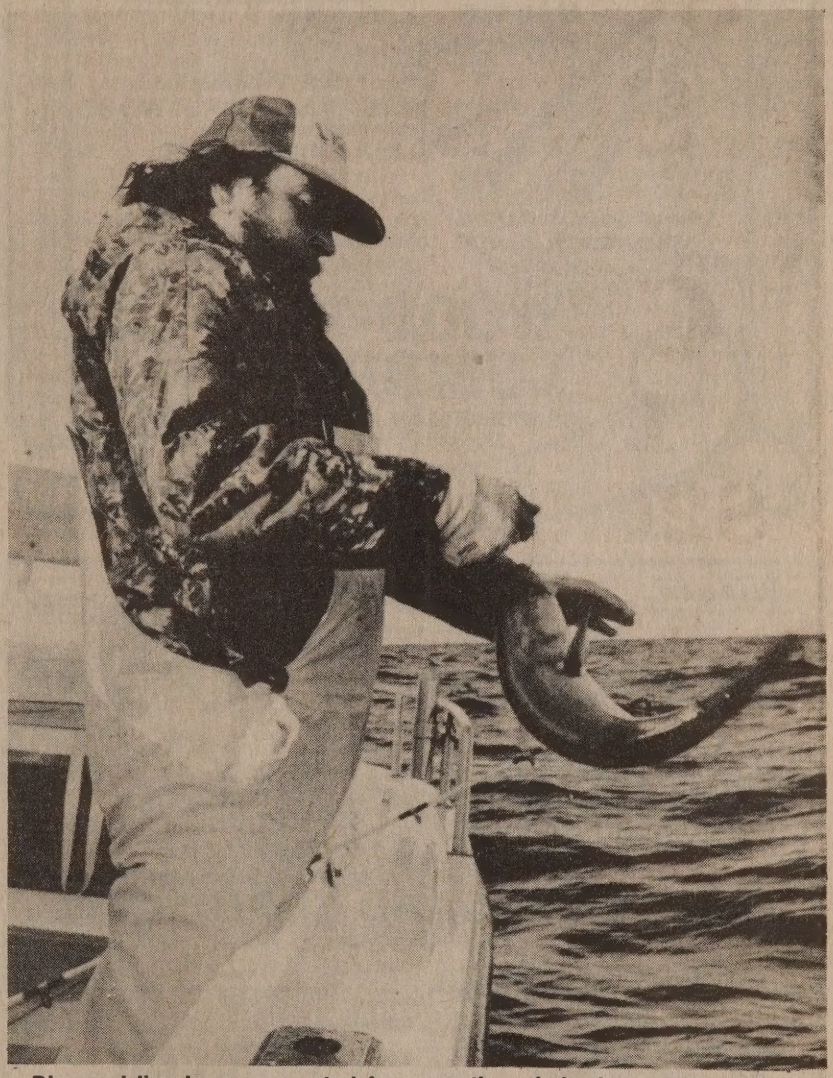

Diamond jigs have accounted for more than their share of blues this season.

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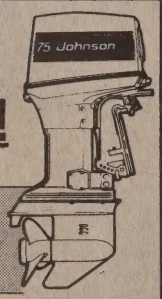

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have become addicted to Don Campbell's Periwinkle jigs. These are lead heads dressed with fluorescent nylon hair. Initially, I used the 2 ounce size, but found the 4 ounce version to be more consistently productive when fished on monofilament in shallow water. A number of veteran Stamford fishermen such as Mike Pataky and Hickey Molnar have been making their own "hairy jigs" and fishing them with good success. Actually, this was a popular local lure for many years which had fallen into disuse until recently.

When trolled on 125 feet of mono, the Periwinkle does not sink very far. I fish areas with depths from 20 to as little as six feet without hanging up. I have no means of measuring accurately, but I would guess that the 4 ounce lure is no more than three feet below the surface. Of course, if you fish with wire offshore, the old ten feet of depth per hundred feet of wire would apply.

I did learn an expensive lesson in Stamford Harbor one day last July and my stock of lures was reduced by four. Mike Pataky and I had the good fortune to be on the spot when the alligator blues cornered a school of bunkers at the mouth of the East Channel. We trolled the edge of the commotion for over an hour and when the action stopped, we had more than 20 fish in the 12 to 16 pound range.

I rig the Periwinkle on a three foot length of 80 lb. mono leader with an 8/0 Pacific Bass hook on one end and a large Bead Chain swivel on the other. When fighting a fish, the lure often would ride up the leader to the swivel. Normally, this was no problem. However, in the feeding frenzy that day, there sometimes were three or four blues fighting over the lure. Often, they would follow the hooked fish right up to the side of the boat. When one managed to grab the Periwinkle, the 80 lb. leader was no match for the sharp teeth.

Since I didn't like the idea of feeding a couple of lures to the bluefish whenever I got into fast action, I now crimp a large sleeve immediately above the jig so that it cannot slide up the leader.

I could have used wire to solve the problem, but I prefer to avoid long wire leaders when possible. The nylon coated braid takes a permanent bend too easily and the solid wire is a nuisance.

I also should note that I find a piece of striper size tail hook pork rind will put more fish in the box. It is surprising how many of the fish are landed on the Uncle Josh hook. The sharp teeth which slice through 80 lb. mono so easily can't seem to do much damage to the piece of pig skin.

Bill Duda is one of the old-time surf fishermen whose days on the beach go back before World War II. He was a regular at Montauk when there was little more than the fishing village at the railroad station and a few stores around the Montauk Realty "skyscraper" out on the highway. When the

time of year was right, he was at Monomoy Point on Cape Cod fishing alongside the surf legends such as Ollie Rodman, Hal Lyman and Frank Woolner.

Bill and I recently did some speculation which boiled down to one unanswerable question. Who rings the dinner bell?

How many times have you been working a seemingly fishless stretch of water when the bunkers and the bluefish suddenly exploded? Although they didn't show on top, the baitfish were there all the time and the blues obviously were somewhere in the area. What prompted the alligators to begin a feeding frenzy at that particular moment? It can happen at any tide, but my experience has been that it is most likely to occur at the start of the ebb.

The feeding spree usually ends just as abruptly as it started although I suspect that it often is shortened by the horde of boats which seemingly materialize out of the bottom of the Sound as soon as the action begins. Most of the boats appear to be operated by graduates of the Kamikaze Pilots Training School. With racing boats and flying lures, I sometimes feel that the fishermen are in more danger than the bunkers.

My mention of Montauk Village around World War II brought to mind an incident for which I have no real explanation.

In the late spring of 1942, Cliff Olsen and I spent a few days fishing at Montauk. In spite of wartime restrictions, you were permitted to be on the beach at night if you had a Coast Guard identification pass and used no lights.

On our last evening, we decided to fish the ocean beach just west of the Surf Club. I have no idea whether it is still there, but it was a rather elaborate facility for that time. I happened to look up and someone was signalling with a flashlight from the shadows of a building on the boardwalk—dot, dot, dot, dash. It was Winston Churchill's V for Victory, which had just become a popular symbol.

"If the Coast Guard catches those kids with the flashlight, they really will fix their wagon." Cliff nodded agreement and we returned to fishing without giving the signals any further thought.

The following morning, I returned home, packed some clean clothes and left for Washington on a business trip. To kill time on the train, I picked up a copy of the New York World-Telegram in Penn Station. On the front page was the just released story of the German spies who had landed from a U-boat on the Amagansett beach just west of Montauk. They were soon captured because of a courageous and ingenious young Coast Guardsman who was captured when he spotted them landing. He convinced them that killing him would bring a manhunt which would destroy any chance of reaching New York City safely and that he was a Nazi sympathizer who would not report what he had seen.

When I returned to my office at Bowling Green in lower Manhattan a few days later, I was still wondering about a possible connection between the signal light at the Surf Club and the Amagansett landing. At lunch hour, I walked across Battery Park to the 3rd Naval District Headquarters. A Naval Intelligence Commander had a yeoman take down my story in shorthand, including my name, address and telephone number so that I could be reached for further questioning. I never heard anything more.

Was it a spy signal or kids fooling around with a flashlight? I will never know.

As usual, I swore that THIS YEAR I would try the fluke fishing. As usual, the big bluefish led me astray. I have been attempting to sort through the glowing reports making the rounds. There appears to be some big fluke in western Long Island Sound. However, everyone that I know has found a lot of shorts with an occasional keeper over 14 inches. The doormats are out there, but not exactly plentiful.

Porgy fishing has been good with fairly decent sizes and the best is about to come. September into early October often produces the best fishing. With less pressure from the trawlers, sportsmen should have a better shot at these fish.

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INLET FLUKE

by Matt Ahern

A veteran sinker bouncer I once knew in the long, long ago when I was a boy gave me a bit of shrewd advice. I learned something that beautiful mid-September morning as we strolled the water's edge of a now deserted Rockaway beach, something that has remained with me all my fishing life.

And it fit the occasion.

Except for the mewing of gulls and the soft wash of the surf, nothing stirred as we leisurely walked along, each deep in private thoughts. The remembered din of multitudes of sun-worshipers who had invaded those golden sands only short days before failed to penetrate those thoughts, that serene landscape. On one of the distant rock groins, a fisherman stood silhouetted against a silver sea. It was a pastel scene that only a true nature lover could enjoy.

The old-timer turned to me and said in his rich Irish brogue: "Be happy that Labor Day has passed. Now, right now, is the time when smart fishermen get in their licks. 'Tis a golden opportunity we have, lad."

At the time, I hadn't enough fishing experience under my belt to fully understand or appreciate this astute observation. But I never forgot it. As the years passed, I discovered exactly what that old-timer meant—fishing does become better when each Labor Day has become but a memory. There is action to be had.

Certainly sea porgy fishing improves and bulldog blackfish are in the process of taking over the ocean wrecks. Large sea bass are sure to share these rich feeding grounds for several more weeks.

Some of the largest bluefish of the season put in an appearance; even elusive stripers choose this time of year for an occasional spurt of better fishing.

All sea life is geared for the great migration.

But what about fluke? Is this migration urge as intense? Yes—perhaps more so. Porgies and sea bass may linger until nearly November, but fluke will be long gone by then. Right now, as you read this, many fluke have already deserted sheltered bays and creeks. Nature has subtly triggered the fluke's migrating instinct. They've been "told" to prepare for the long haul to the Continental Shelf. Time is certainly of the essence.

And there's no better place for this preparation than the waters surrounding ocean inlets. Here, Nature has lavishly placed their source of food. Sand eels by the millions, multitudes of infant sea robins, porgies, blowfish, sea bass, blackfish—you name it. It is there at those inlets, all the life sustaining sustenance needed by fluke and other sea predators.

I'll admit I hadn't thought too much about all this lately, and I'll admit, too, that with one thing and another my fluke-catching activities this summer have left much to be desired. But I think there's a good chance this will change in a couple of weeks.

"I find the best time for inlet fluke fishing is from the tenth of the month until the third week, the peak reaching about mid-point."

Well, anyway, during previous Septembers I've fished for fluke in every south shore inlet, except the one at Moriches. Of these inlets—Rockaway, East Rockaway, Jones, Fire Island and Shinnecock—I'd be sore pressed to tell you which of these is the best producer. They all have their days. There isn't one, however, from which I've failed to reap a fluke bonanza at one time or another.

By checking my records I can tell you which inlet produced the greatest single catch: Shinnecock. But far be it for me to lead you astray, so I'll tell you Fire Island Inlet was only a few fish short of topping Shinnecock's record. And lest you think me a fish hog and thereby heat up the mails with letters of condemnation, I'd best not divulge the exact amount, except to say that it was indeed substantial. The bait: strips of sea robin. One fellow in a nearby skiff was knocking them dead on sand eel and a combination bait of sand eel and live killies. It was a day when we two fellows simply could do no wrong.

Not every day has the potential of a record-breaker, of course. Many times I've spent hours drifting these inlets, only to return home mighty discouraged. But by the same token, I can add that I've never been "skunked," although one time I came as close as possible—one fish—and this a bare keeper. But all in all, I've had few complaints.

For September inlet fishing, I modify my tackle a bit. I change my 20 lb. test mono to 25. This is only a precaution. Only once did I suffer a sad experience due to the use of the lighter line. And I suppose if Al Dunn hadn't slipped and taken a header during the excitement of netting an old socker of a doormat, I'd still be using that 20 lb. stuff. But forewarned is forearmed.

As for the rigging, I use the same type fluke hook I've used for nearly 60 years: a 4/0 regular shank Sproat (Style 3366). I'm a true believer in using these hooks for inshore fluke fishing. Except for wreck fishing ocean doormats in late September, I see no need to use those heavy, cumbersome long-shanked Carlisles. Especially when using live killies. My thought is why anchor the bait with a heavy hook? What is needed when fluke fishing is bait with as much natural action as it is possible to get. The use of long-shanked hooks only defeats this purpose. Many fellows write and tell me they use wide gap hooks—and they swear by them. I've never used them, so I can't comment, except to say if they work, why change? Some day I'll stop my foolishness and give them a whirl, but until then, I'll stick with those Sproats.

Bait for this September inlet fishing is no problem. Live killies, live snappers, sea robin strips, squid strips, sand eel, and if you can get it—dogfish. This is the bait I prize when doing that wreck fishing I mentioned. Use three inch slices, cut so they are pennant-shaped. (On those offshore ocean wrecks, I use six to ten inch strips.) Be sure to hook bait strips **once** and once at the wide part (all bait strips should be tapered). This allows the strip to undulate as it is jigged along bottom—which brings us back to the necessity of making all bait strips appear natural. If you want fluke, don't overlook this prime requisite.

As for leader length, I stick with the three footer, I know these are difficult to come by and you'll probably have to make up your own. You can purchase 20 pound test snelling material in three foot lengths, either by mail order or in your local tackle shop. You

can even connect two 18 inch leaders in an emergency. But doing this might or might not detract from the bait's action.

I user no flashers or other so-called attracters. Not only are they not needed in my estimation, but they also add to that unwanted hook weight, thereby defeating your purpose. Keep it simple and catch fish has long been the bottom fisherman's motto. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Sinker weight never becomes a point of dispute when inlet fishing. I find that most days a three ounce bank sinker will get by. On full or new moon tides, it may become necessary to increase this to five ounces. If conditions warrant more than this, I pack it in and try to nail a fish or two inside the bay. These two tides, especially when coupled with wind, are just too much for good inlet fluke fishing.

As for tackle, I use exactly the same outfit as I do for inshore fluke. My conventional stick is a 7 footer of medium weight. My reel is a Penn 155 (46 years old and works like a dream). Spinning gear is okay—if it isn't too light. Spinning tackle that is too light will give difficulty when handling heavier than normal sinkers.

As to what area of an inlet is best, this is often a hit-or-miss deal—especially for those making their first attempt. Sometimes the ocean end will produce; sometimes it is only inside the inlet where fishing is best. On **quiet** days, I've taken my skiff as much as 300 yards off various inlets and caught all the fluke I wanted. The governing factor for this is the movement of baitfish. It is often a case of here today, gone tomorrow. But have no fear, if you fish any of our south shore inlets during September, sooner or later you'll find fluke.

Were I to fish an inlet tomorrow for the first time, I would certainly begin my drift inside, yet not so far that I could not see the ocean and keep tabs on close-by activity. If this failed, I would make my drift closer to the ocean and continue until I found action.

Depending upon weather and the type of boat, I would hesitate and think twice before attempting to venture into the sea itself—no matter how glowing the reports. Remember: the sea is unforgiving for those of us who become foolhardy (especially in small boats). And besides, there's always tomorrow.

I find the best time for inlet fluke fishing is from the tenth of the month until the third week, the peak reaching about mid-point. If the weather holds (and in September this can become a big "if"), I'd think about giving it a try.

If you do, you are sure to discover, as I did, that it's after Labor Day when smart fishermen get in their licks—which is exactly what that old-timer said.

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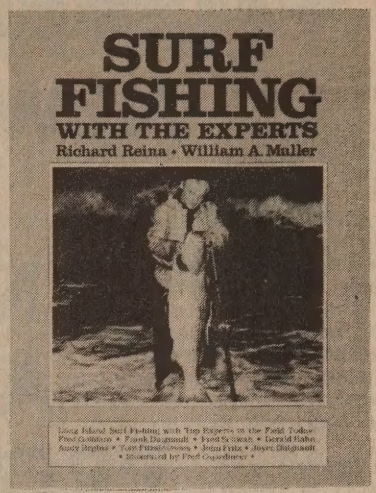

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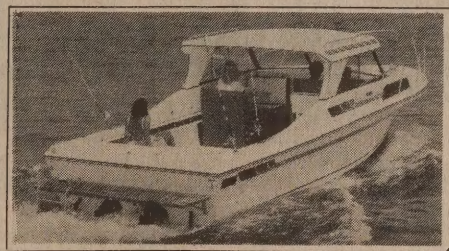

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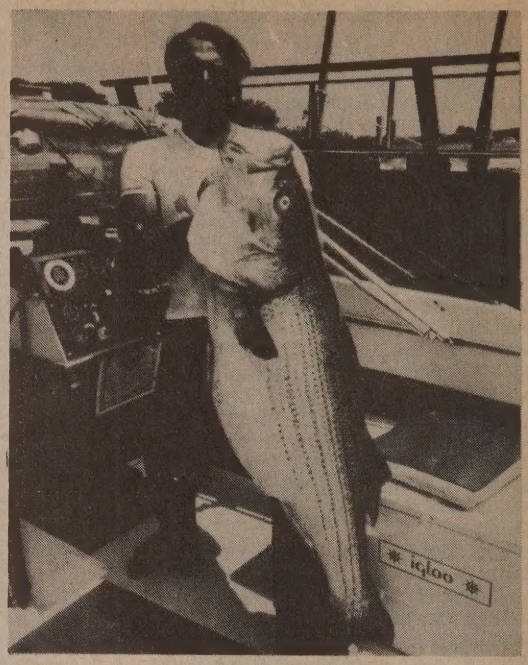

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A MEATY APPROACH TO BIGHT BLUES

by Tery Maltese

Big blues usually show up in a few fairly close offshore locations around midsummer and stay well into October. "Fairly close offshore locations" may sound a bit contradictory, so let me explain what I mean. The areas I will discuss are not inside or near my inlet, but they are also not 50 or 60 miles offshore. These areas range from about 7 to 20 miles from the Breezy Pt. Jetty, which marks Rockaway Inlet.

One area worthy of mention is Ambrose Tower. The tower is located approximately 7 miles, 145 degrees from the jetty. Big fish usually show up here a bit later than the rest of the areas I will mention. Approximately 7 miles, 178 degrees from Ambrose is the BA buoy, which is a very popular bluefish spot. This is often a very productive area. We have caught many big blues right near the BA. There are also a few good wrecks in this area, which often hold fish. But more on this later. Much of the area around the BA buoy is known as 17 Fathoms and every year this is a popular bluefishing spot for party, private and charter boats.

A few miles south of the BA buoy begins an area known as the Farms. This area occasionally produces some good tuna fishing as well as bluefishing. Moving closer to Jersey, the water along Sea Bright and Long Branch produce some big choppers every year.

Unlike the inshore blues we catch, these fish are caught chumming and baitfishing. Bunker, butterfish and mackerel are the most commonly used baits. We almost always use chunks of bunker, but it is definitely a good idea to bring along some other baits, especially butterfish. Usually, when the blues are feeding they will hit anything, but we have on occasions seen them ignore one type of bait while they pounced on another. I can recall times when we couldn't buy a hit with a bunker chunk, but a whole butterfish would be grabbed as soon as it drifted out of sight. The bunker chunks should be about 1 or 2 inches wide and should be hooked once through the dorsal side. Butterfish can be chunked the same way. Whole butterfish should be hooked either once through the eyes or in the mouth and out the side. No matter what bait you are using be sure the point is sharp and the barb is exposed.

Rigging for this type of fishing is very simple. You will need some 6/0 Sproat or Beak hooks rigged on a 5 inch wire leader with a swivel on the other end. Simply tie the end of your line to the swivel on the other end. Simply tie the end of your line to the swivel and you are done. On most occasions a sinker is not necessary, but on days when the bait isn't getting down deep enough a rubber core sinker can be attached a foot or two above the hook. Occasionally, particularly when the fishing is slow,

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Bait fishing often accounts for the biggest kind of choppers.

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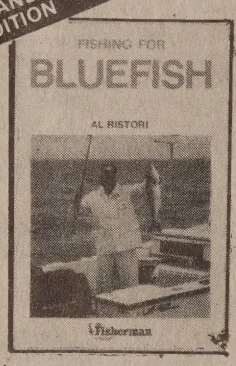

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we will attach a bank sinker above the hook and try fishing right on the bottom. Occasionally the fish will be sitting right on bottom and this will produce fish. Be sure to bring along plenty of hooks, because some will be lost and some fish will be so deeply hooked that it will be too time consuming and too risky to try retrieving the hook. These choppers have strong jaws and sharp teeth. When a fish is deeply hooked, cut the line and retrieve the hook after he expires.

When doing this type of fishing we usually anchor up, but we occasionally drift. One advantage of drifting is that you get to cover a large territory. Anchoring is often productive because if you anchor up and chum, the chum will attract the fish and keep them behind the boat. You then don't have to worry about drifting out of a productive area. Anchoring over one of the wrecks or ledges in the area can be quite productive. Getting Loran numbers for wrecks in this area is not difficult. DeMapo Enterprises, at Suite 1231, 1204 Avenue U, Brooklyn, NY 11229, will send you a laminated copy of Loran numbers for $5. If your boat is equipped with a Loran and a good recorder, you should be able to find these wrecks without much trouble.

Whether you anchor up or drift, it is very important that you chum. Chumming will attract the fish to your boat and keep them there. We usually get by with one can. At $10 or so a can, it is money well spent.

You can use one of two chumming methods. You can mix the chum with sea water and ladle it overboard or you can use an automatic method. Automatic methods vary from angler to angler. We usually lay the can of chum sideways in a milk crate which has a rope through it. We then lower the crate and can until they are barely touching the surface and tie the rope off on a midship cleat. As the boat rocks the chum will flow from the can. If the chum flows too quickly, raise the crate a bit. If the chum isn't flowing enough, lower the crate.

Other anglers invert the chum can in a bucket with a lid. The bucket has holes in it and a rope running through it. As with the milk crate method, the bucket is lowered to the surface. I recently fished aboard a friend's boat on which they used this method and I was quite impressed. It appeared to work quite well. With this method it's a good idea to punch a few holes in the can.

There are a variety of chumming methods to choose from but I recommend that you choose an automatic method. One reason for this is that the automatic methods are less messy and on a hot summer day, ladling the chum can be quite unpleasant. Another problem with the ladling method is that when the fishing gets heavy, everyone gets busy fighting or gaffing fish and the ladling gets neglected. The chum is supposed to keep the fish behind the boat, but if

there is a big break in the slick, the may move on. No matter which chumming method you use, you should sweeten the chum slick. This is done by periodically tossing a few chunks, heads, or tails of the bunker overboard.

The technique for this type of fishing is not at all difficult. Simply hook your bait, as discussed earlier, put the reel into free spool and allow the bait to drift back into the chum slick. If the current isn't doing a good enough job, you may have to help it by stripping line from your reel about a foot at a time. If there are fish in the slick you should get a pick-up while you are letting line out. When you feel a pick-up, keep the reel in free spool and let him take some line. Be sure to thumb the spool. If you don't, the reel will backlash when he starts running. After a few seconds, when you feel he has the hook, engage the reel and set the hook.

Obviously, not every hit will result in a hook-up. Many novices make the mistake of hitting the fish too early. This is something that you will get better at as time goes by. If you let out enough line and no hit occurs you can hold the rod or put it in a holder. If you choose the latter, be sure the reel is in free spool and the clicker is on.

Tackle for this type of fishing is fairly basic. A medium action 6 to 7 foot boat rod armed with a reel similar to the Penn Jigmaster or Daiwa Sealine 50H is fine. The reel should be filled with good quality 30 lb. test. It's not a bad idea to bring along a light spinning rod for some added pleasure. Landing a 12 or 15 lb. bluefish on 6 lb. test and a light spinning rod can be lots of fun.

You should definitely have a gaff on board. Many of the fish you will catch here will have to be gaffed. When gaffing a fish, don't make the mistake I see so often. Don't try to harpoon the fish. There is no need to swing the gaff. The gaff hook should be under the fish and you should hit him with a quick upward pull of the gaff. It's also a good idea to have a few gaffs on board. Keep all your gaff hooks sharp. This will make gaffing easier. Every gaff point should have a piece of tubing or a chunk of styrofoam on it to avoid unnecessary injuries.

These areas allow anglers, who have a limited range, to catch some big and tough fish. We fish these areas in my 24 foot Pro-Line, but my old boat was a 17 footer and we fished Ambrose Tower and 17 Fathoms with it. We simply watched the weather and aborted any trip when the wind was blowing or when the sea conditions looked unstable.

No matter what size boat you are in, you should not be out here without a VHF. Watch the wind and sea and listen to weather forecasts. When the sea is up or the wind is blowing, either fish closer to home or stay at home. Exercise some respect for the ocean and there will always be another day to tangle with these choppers.

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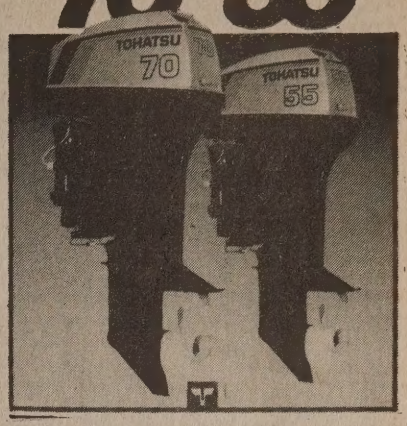

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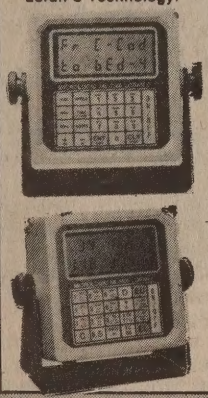

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OF COLD FRONTS AND MULLET

by John Fritz

Seasonal migration is dependent on many factors. Some are understood, but many remain a mystery, even today in this age of enlightenment. Bird watchers tally their highest counts when migrants cross through their area; a duck hunter's season can be ruined by a delayed onset of cold weather. All who entwine their pleasure with the Great Outdoors and its creatures are aware of the almost constant state of flux Nature provides throughout the entire year. The surfcaster, in his pursuit of fish, is governed by the changing patterns of the sea: some are eagerly awaited, while others are looked upon with regret. One of the highlights of the surfcaster's season coincides with the movement of mullet through the south shore inlets, a passage precipitated by the sudden chill of shallow bay waters.

A nor'easter in the waning weeks of summer generally sets the stage. Hot, muggy days are dispelled by moist winds from the east as a storm system passes through the area from the west. This easterly blow agitates the surf, which in itself would stimulate a lackluster period for the shorebound angler. The best is yet to come, for as the storm passes offshore it draws a high pressure system in behind it, blustery northwest winds and a sharp drop in temperature. These chill winds quickly transmit a message to the pods of anxious mullet, which have gathered for their journey to the more stable water temperatures found offshore. What was a scattering of fish at the start now assumes the aspect of full scale flight.

There are two types of mullet common to our shores: striped mullet and blue mullet, the latter the subject of our interest at this time, for they seem more inclined to depart our shores with the arrival of autumn-like weather. The striped mullet, on the other hand, tend to linger in sheltered recesses of the shore until later in the season.

This outpouring of bait through the major south shore inlets creates an environment of great benefit to surf fishermen. The mullet have a tendency to hug the shore, where the circular pods are easily detected by the telltale ripple effect their massed bodies cause on the surface of the water. Even in choppy seas a sharp eye can recognize the variation between a surface ruffled by the wind and that caused by hundreds of slender bodies beating their way through the water. Concentrations of bait such as this are readily observed by other eyes also. An enticement great enough to overcome a wary predator's natural fear of shallow water, thus setting up conditions which bring within casting range, fish ordinarily beyond reach. Moreover, the excitement of the hunt dispels further the caution ingrained in the makeup of all mighty game fish.

If given a choice, most anglers would reach for a plug rather than a baited hook and nothing is accepted more readily by actively feeding fish than a popping plug. The color blue emanates from the predominant bait species, suggesting that lures featuring a bluish tint will be more receptive. One reason for the popularity of Atom's blue and white Striper Swiper. Even with northerly winds aiding in the flight of this two ounce plug, the distant reaches of far flung bars are occasionally beyond normal casting range. The 3½ ounce Polaris and the 2¾ ounce Pencil Popper, both Gibbs plugs, might just provide the added impetus needed to cast a plug to those distant fish. More often than not, such heavy lures are unnecessary. The instinct for survival forces the mullet to hang tight to the shoreline, only venturing off the beach in order to clear an obstruction such as a jetty or sand bar. After sunset, the blue mackerel colored Gibbs darter is a favorite plug when casting into the stronger rips. In contrast, the blue and white Junior Atom and most bluebacked minnow type swimmers are better used when retrieved slowly through less turbulent waters.

There seems to be a spell cast over the waterfront as the pre-dawn hours

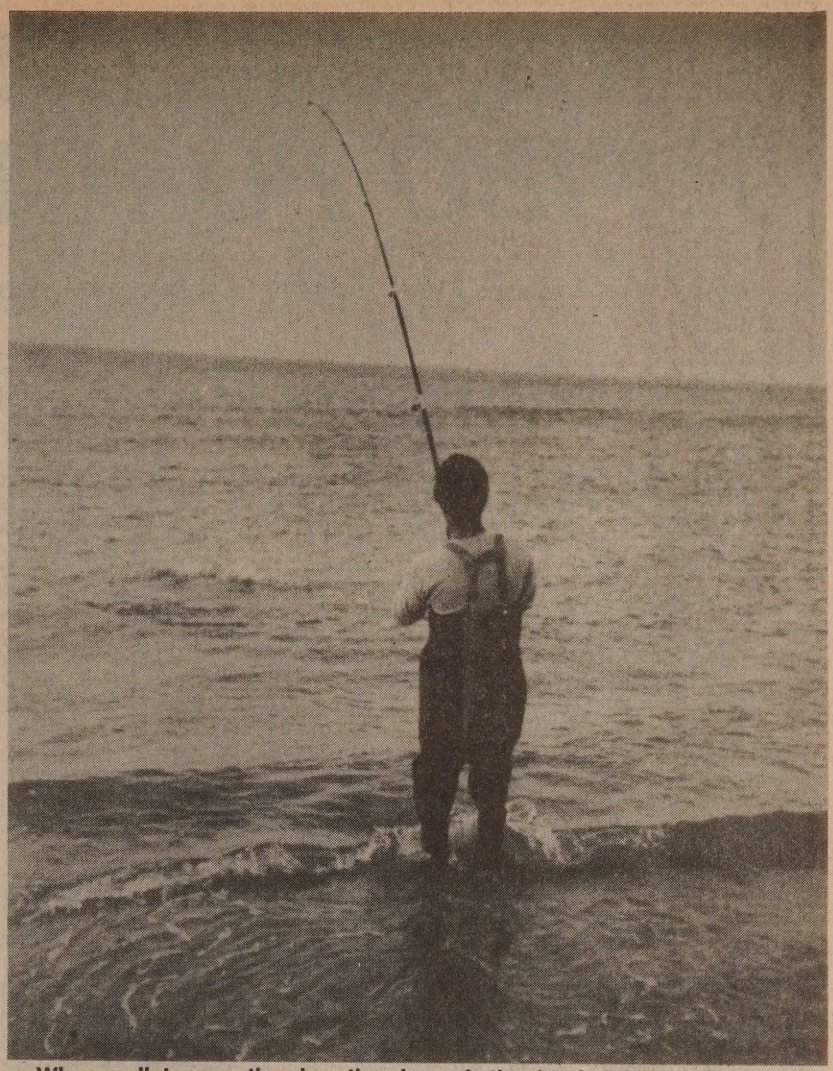
gradually blend into the full light of day. As the yet to be seen sun slowly brightens the shore, it never fails to heighten one's anticipation. A sudden strike from an unseen fish, searching the surf line for one last meal before retiring to its lair offshore. While cloud cover and stormy weather often provide the proper ingredients for successful plugging in daylight, many anglers are content to heave a chunk of bait into the wash and let the fish come to them. There can be no more appropriate bait, at this time, than the mullet themselves. It only remains to find the means to secure an adequte supply.

Snagging mullet, in the manner used so effectively on bunker, is a tedious chore frequently producing meager results. The shape of the mullet's body is more cylindrical than that of a bunker, presenting less of a target for the snagger. With tougher scales and generally less body weight, it requires a sharp snagger to hold fast. Occasionally an angler will happen across a school of larger fish, say 10 inches or so and needless to say, mullet of this size are more readily snagged.

A more efficient technique for securing mullet, uninjured ones at that, can be had with the use of a cast net. This tricky device, in the hands of a skilled thrower, can garner a goodly supply of bait in a single toss. Patience is the key; one must allow the pods of mullet working the shore to swim within range of the net, roughly 10 to 15 feet. Consistent fan-shaped throws will require some practice, but even a half opened toss, if placed over the school, will snare a few pieces of bait. If fishing bait is of prime interest, a more dependable supply can be located within the inlets, areas offering sheltered coves and quiet shallows.

Mullet, like bunker, can be fished in three ways: live, fresh dead and, the least desirable, frozen. Live mullet are easier to maintain than bunker, requiring little more than a pail of water occasionally replenished from the sea.

When fishing this bait live there might be some question in regard to the placement of the hook. With bunker or snappers, the hook is embedded high in the back, just below the dorsal fin. The round shape of the mullet may be a cause for uncertainty. There are two schools of thought on this subject and advocates of both regard their method as satisfactory. Placing the hook in the back requires a certain amount of care and penetration should be shallow to prevent piercing the spine. Proponents of this technique feel the bait is offered in a more lifelike manner, enabling the bait to swim about, although with some difficulty. Use of the alternate method entails setting the hook through the lower jaw, causing less harm to the mullet, prolonging its life and therefore, its appeal to a passing striped bass. Dead mullet can simply be hooked through the eye sockets, use two if they are small.



When mullet move, they hug the shore. Action is often just a short cast away.

The majority of bait fishermen prefer to use the standard fish finder rig although the use of a three way swivel would be an adequate substitute. The preference in leader material is dependent on whether bluefish are in evidence. They usually are, and if one feels wire, will alert a bass or weakfish showing interest in your bait. While the debate on that question still rages, there is agreement on the need for the length to be 18 to 24 inches, maybe even a shade longer. A cork float is a necessity when dead baits are tossed into seas infested with hungry crabs. In rough seas they are too busy seeking shelter in the sand to entertain much thought about your bait and at this time, the addition of a cork would increase the difficulty in holding bottom. A live mullet is generally left to swim about unhindered, except for a carefully placed hook, of course.

Pinpointing the onset of the mullets flight to the sea can be difficult. In some years their departure can coincide with a storm one week into the month of September; in other years they will linger through the third week. Unfortunately, there are also seasons in which the mullet run is virtually non-existent. A reliable grapevine plus regular visits to the waterfront will go a long way in ensuring that the run will not be missed. This year's run? Who knows. When the weather turns sour, head for the beach, not the couch. Check the inlets and the beaches slightly to the west, particularly when the waters of the bay are rushing towards the sea. Watch closely for a splash of white not in uniform with the normal set of the sea, a patch of dark water slowly moving west or an area of rippled water alien to the surrounding surface. If no sign is evident, make a few casts and move along to another spot.

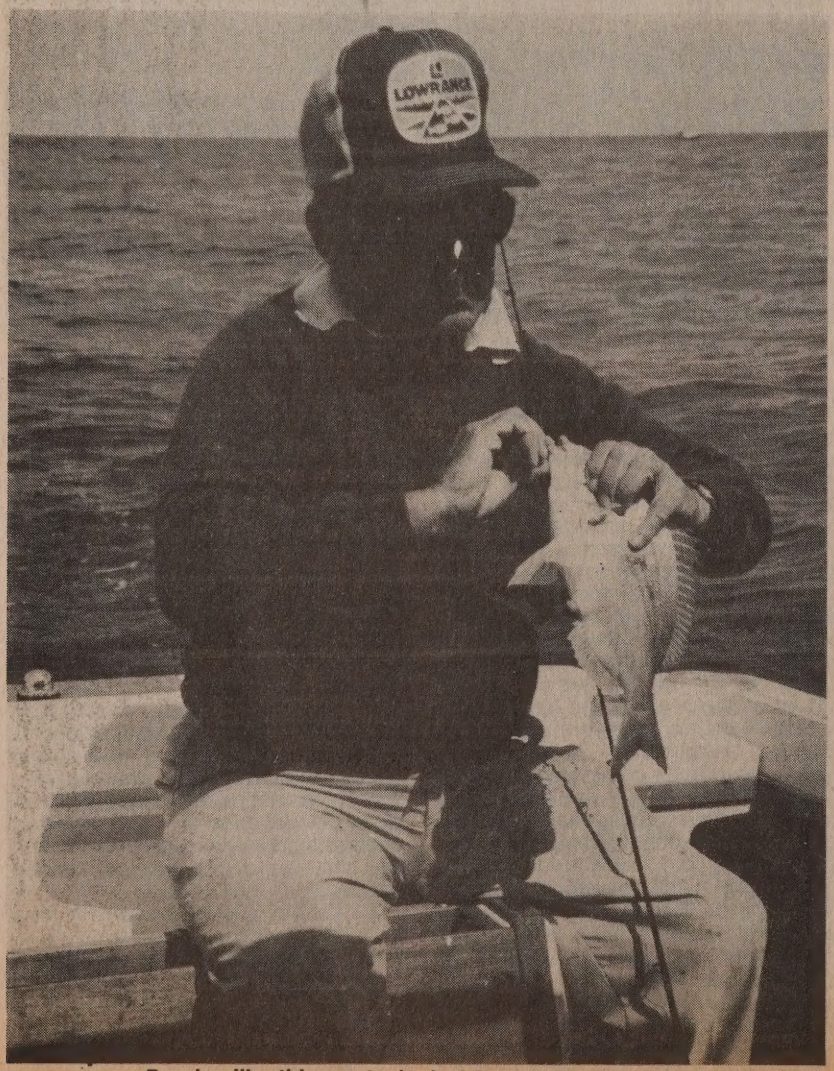
As the rising sun attempts to force its light through the dense cloud cover, more detail is visible to the trained eye. The sea has just enough roll to create the white water bass relish and this early hour is pregnant with expectation. The beach is yours, just you, the sea, your thoughts.

TRAILERING TO JUMBO PORGY LAND

by Tom Goodspeed

Montauk's platter sized porgies are an easy mark for trailer boat anglers.

Last September we had some terrific porgy fishing in the waters just off the tip of Long Island's famed Montauk Point and the odds indicate that September (and probably early October) of this season could be as productive. Most East Coast anglers connect the name Montauk with visions of bluefish tuna and mako sharks, staring glassy-eyed into space when images flash through their mind's eye. And for those occasions when blown off the water, there is always the chance to hang a trophy class bluefish from the surf below Montauk Light. But for that sizable band of bottom fishermen who work Long Island's East End from June through August each year, don't put your gear away simply because the kids have to return to school. Your favorite quarry, the porgy—or scup as it is frequently called locally—is still around.



Porgies like this are typical of September run fish.

This pretty little fish is really not all that little. When you hang a pair of 2 or 3 pounders on 12 pound line, you know you've got a fight on your hands. They shake their heads violently and use their flat sides to lay in the current, defying you to bring them in. On spinning gear or a light boat rod, they can be a real ball.

Possibly a clue to the current popularity is the fact that the porgy, an excellent eating fish, has seen a population explosion in recent years. Most of the head boats working out of the east end concentrate on porgy all summer long and only desert them when the schools of fluke move in. Even the rowboat fleet zeros in on the porgy on Long Island Sound. The greatest activity, though, is that found by the larger outboards and I/Os, the fleet of modern trailerable boats.

And these boats find Montauk easy to get to, with minor traffic after the summer vacation months have passed. It's less than a three hour drive to trail your rig here from the Verrazano Bridge over the Narrows (via Brooklyn) or from the George Washington Bridge and the Cross Bronx Expressway. Just work your way east, out Long Island, until you hit Rt. 27 and then continue to its end at Montauk.

There is only one public ramp at Montauk, the township's ramp. It's located on West Lake Drive out at Lake Montauk (as the harbor is called) and is normally restricted to residents and to motel guests. Motelers pick up a parking permit at their motel and leave a deposit in return. Upon returning the permit, their deposit is refunded. But this applies only in the summer months; come September, the ramp is open to all, no charge. There is a commercial ramp at the Gone Fishing Marine on East Lake Drive. Their phone is (516) 668-3232 and they will be glad to fill you in on the current hotspot.

When you leave the harbor, you head north between the two parallel jetties, emerging in water well over 20 feet deep. Immediately, you swing east and skirt the coast, avoiding the marker over Shagwong Rock which lies just off Shagwong Point. Further

along, be sure to stay outside the North Bar marker which lies off False Point. You really should have no trouble and just eyeballing the other boats clearly establishes the route to follow.

On occasion, when wind and tide buck each other, the seas off Shagwong can be wild to the inexperienced. A bit of prudence—and considered judgment—is all that is required. As long as no small craft warning (a red pennant) is flying back at the Coast Guard Station in the harbor, you've got it made. Except for Shagwong, lee water can be found in most any direction you travel and even the easterly ground swells break up over Shagwong.

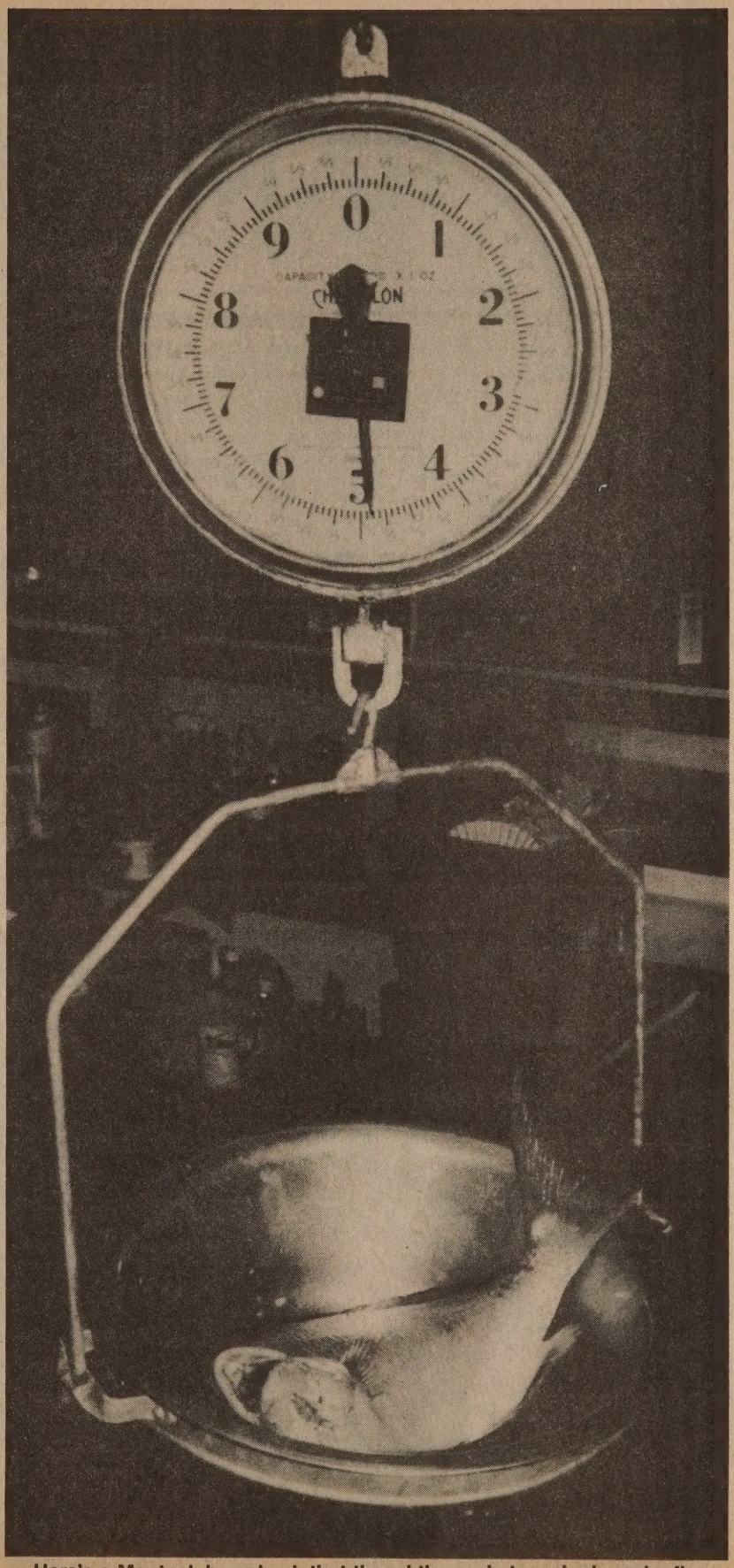
June is said to be the dominant month for porgies, when the schools are most concentrated. But over the past few years, July, August and September have been equally productive. October has to rate similar to May, a period of migration, with movement either in from or out to the continental shelf. With a mild fall, the porgy fishing can be quite good during the first week or two of October.

To find the fish, just search out the other porgy boats—and join the crowd. Invariably, the boats will be scattered just off the Point, over an area close to a mile long so congestion is seldom a problem. Frequently, there will be a couple of head boats in the fleet and they are more likely to drift than anchor. They do define the extent of the fishing grounds for you and you can then anchor or drift as you wish, just being sure to keep out of the way of the other boats. The most popular porgy locale is in that first mile or so off Montauk's famous light, towards Block Island, in some 20 to 30 feet of water.

Decent action can be found without chumming, but if you've purchased a bucket of frozen chum, you'll do better. Remember, the tide really rips along off Montauk and you do need a lead-bottom chum pot to get the mix down where it will do some good. Just to dangle a bucket of chum on the surface does little good except to feed the sea gulls and the snapper blues.

The typical porgy rig is a pair of #1 or 1/0 O'Shaughnessy or Carlisle hooks, on leaders, positioned some 10 or 12 inches apart. Usually 4 oz. or so of bank sinker is required to get the rig down when the tide is running. Most anglers use 30 lb. leader material and 12 lb. line. For bait, pick up a bucket of clams back on the dock. A piece of clam about the size of a thumbnail is all that is needed per hook and the bucket is sufficient to easily put from 50 to 75 porgies in your boat. The moving tide, of course, is best—either rising or falling.

I would definitely suggest you pick up NOAA charts #13209 and #13215 which overlap precisely at Montauk Point: #13209 covers the tip of Long Island and #13215 covers the waters between Montauk and Block Island.



Here's a Montauk humpback that tipped the scale to a shade under five pounds. Now that's a porgy!

SALT WATER FISH
FISH HANDLING TIPS

by Ken Gall

Ken Gall is a regional extension specialist in seafood technology for New York Sea Grant and the author of "Handling Your Catch."

Handling your catch—what difference does it make? If you catch a fish today and eat it tomorrow, it should be fresh. Not necessarily! Fish can be a highly perishable food. Some fish, if left out in the sun at a temperature of 80 to 90 degrees can spoil within a few hours. The quality of the fish you catch depends more on HOW it's handled than just how long it's been since it left the water. Whether you plan to eat your catch today, next week, or next winter, proper fish handling can make the difference between a great meal or a great disappointment at the dinner table.

Most anglers would agree that a successful fishing trip requires planning. Rods and reels, tackle, bait and other equipment is assembled and tested. Unfortunately, some successful anglers often find that they've forgotten to bring other important items such as ice, an insulated cooler (for fish) and knives needed to properly handle and dress their catch. Without the tools necessary to preserve fish quality, an angler's fresh "catch of the day" could be a disappointment when it's finally eaten. Smart anglers will include plans for fish handling in their overall plans for a complete fishing experience.

Why worry about fish handling? Fish quality deteriorates rapidly at temperatures common in the summer. Studies have shown that lean white flesh fish such as cod or flounder has a shelf life of one day at 90 degrees. Fattier species and fish that are feeding heavily can have an even shorter shelf life, and be undesirable to eat within several hours if abused by being left out in the summer sun. (Shelf life means the amount of time before a fish is judged to be unacceptable by those who taste it.) At these high temperatures fish begin to undergo a rapid deterioration in quality as normal spoilage processes begin to take their course. This process can't be stopped, but you can control the rate at which fish quality deteriorates. Cooling your fish as rapidly as possible to the temperature of melting ice (32 degrees), can greatly reduce the rate at which fish quality changes. In most fishing situations a cooler packed with ice provides the least expensive and easiest way to cool fish. The ice cools the fish and also keeps them from drying out.

Flake ice or crushed ice is usually considered to be the best type of ice to use for several reasons. It provides the greatest amount of surface area of ice in contact with the fish which results in maximum cooling. Larger pieces or blocks of ice can crush, tear or bruise fish more easily. Fish can be packed with flake or crushed ice directly in the cooler in alternating layers. Be sure to start out with a generous layer of ice on the bottom, leave room for a layer of ice on top and drain the melt water frequently or use a false bottom in the cooler to

Ice plays a vital role in maintaining the quality of your catch.

keep fish out of meltwater. Gutted fish should always be packed with the belly down to prevent meltwater from collecting in the gut cavity.

Another effective way to cool fish rapidly is to use chilled seawater or an ice slush or slurry. A cooler or other container is used to hold clean seawater that is chilled with ice. Flake or crushed ice is best, but larger blocks or cubes can be more readily used in a chilled seawater system. In this arrangement the ice is used to cool a container of seawater to 35 degrees or lower which is effective because it also provides for a greater amount of surface area of the cold environment in contact with the fish which causes it to cool faster. A mixture of eight pounds of ice per gallon of clean water is frequently suggested to make an effective slurry. this chilled seawater slurry should be kept as cold and clean as possible. More ice should be added as necessary to control the temperature of the chilled water.

Saltwater ice has also been widely suggested as an effective way to cool fish rapidly. Because of dissolved salts, the freezing point of saltwater is lower than the freezing point of freshwater. Therefore, it takes more energy to freeze saltwater, and its temperature is lower than 32 degrees. Because of this lower temperature, saltwater ice can freeze to the skin of fish and cause surface discoloration. It's best to use saltwater ice in a chilled seawater system or slurry to cool fish rapidly and minimize potential defects in the fish you catch.

While rapid cooling is the most important factor to control, other handling techniques can also be used to preserve the quality of your catch. Fish should be landed carefully and stunned as soon as possible to prevent cuts and bruises in the flesh. Fish can be stunned with a blow to the head with a wooden mallet or bat to prevent them from beating themselves on the boat or dock. Don't use excessive force and hit only the head to prevent breaking the internal organs in the gut or damaging the edible flesh, both of which can greatly reduce fish quality. Punctures caused by gaffs or cuts in the flesh also provide a route for bacteria to enter and multiply in the fish muscle which can reduce its quality. Gaffs or fish picks should only be used in the mouth or head to avoid damaging the edible part of a fish.

Once a fish is landed you should consider bleeding and gutting it as soon as it's practical. Bleeding fish can help to maintain quality in several ways. As a fish bleeds it loses heat, which can help it to cool faster. Bled fish also tend to have lighter colored fillets with fewer bruises and bloody spots. Fatty fish that have been bled may also remain in good quality condition longer during frozen storage since oxygen and other waste products that can promote the development of rancid odors and flavors associated with fat oxidation are removed. This is especially important for fish that you plan to hold in frozen storage. Once the oxidation process is initiated, it will continue during frozen storage which can result in rancid fish.

Proper care of your catch before and after cleaning is critical.

Fish can be bled by making a throat cut to sever the main artery that runs from the heart to the gills. For maximum bleeding, the heart shouldn't be damaged so that it can continue to pump blood. Fish can also be bled with a tail cut. A single cut is made in front of the tail fin down to the bone. Fish should be held in water or kept moist while bleeding to remove the blood before it can coagulate. Gutting fish also causes a significant amount of bleeding and should be done as soon as possible. Removing the entrails reduces the risk of spoilage around the gut cavity caused by bacteria and enzymes in the gut. Large fish can also be cooled faster when the gut cavity is packed with ice.

Every fishing trip is different. Many things can vary—fishing locations, the species sought and the weather. It may not be possible to handle fish in the same way on every fishing trip. However, with a basic understanding of the importance of temperature control and the quality maintenance advantages that careful handling techniques can provide, you should get more enjoyment from the fish you catch.

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STATEN ISLAND'S FALL RUN FLUKE

by Tony Somma

The passing of Labor Day heralds the start of some of the season's finest fluke action.

Most fluke fanatics can't wait until fall rolls around. Some of the best fishing we enjoy begins in late August and continues through October just a stone's throw from my home port of Great Kills, Staten Island. This time of year I make it my business to get out on the water every opportunity I get. However, being on the water is no guarantee you'll go home with fish. To be successful you must know what you are doing and you must be prepared.

Before venturing out, you should know a little about the species you plan to put on your table. Most of the fish you tie into will go 12 to 18 inches and weigh between one and four pounds. Remember, New York has a minimum size limit of 14 inches, so please release any fish you catch under this size. You'll catch more than enough legal sized fish and will rarely go home empty-handed. Give the small fry a chance to grow so they can spawn and we can continue to have good fishing.

Fluke feed close to the bottom and will occasionally chase food to the surface. They have roomy mouths which can accommodate hook sizes from 1/0 to 4/0. Various types are commonly used. Among them Aberdeen, Carlisle, O'Shaughnessy, Sproat and Mustad. Many fishermen prefer the long shank Carlisle. The long shank facilitates hook removal and protects your leader from getting nicked by the fluke's sharp teeth. This hook's a bit too heavy for my liking. I don't mind changing the leader or re-snelling a hook three or four times during the day and prefer using either thin wire Aberdeen or English wide gap hooks sized 1/0 or 2/0. The hooks are light and present bait in a lifelike fashion.

Off of Staten Island's shores, you'll be fishing in depths of between 6 and 20 feet. Sinkers between 3 and 8 ounces will be required to keep your rig on the bottom. Bluefish and an occasional weakfish may also be present, thus your rod should have enough backbone to handle this possibility. These conditions favor the use of conventional tackle instead of spinning. Although I occasionally use both spinning and bait casting outfits, my favorite rig is a six foot medium action rod with a conventional Penn 180 reel filled with 12 lb. test Ande line. You'll also find a graphite bait casting rod and reel combination and a short (4½ foot) spinning rod and reel on my boat. I employ either of them when fishing is slow or when there is no drift. The graphite rod's sensitivity allows me to feel the slightest tap when the fish are finicky. Plus both the spinning and bait casting reels allow for a day of tangle free casting when there is no drift. When the drift is not to my liking, I improve upon it by casting away from the boat and slowly reeling back in. To generate more movement I lift the rod every few feet. Many hook-ups occur on the lift.

Having a limited number of tackle shops available on Staten Island is an inconvenience. It makes acquiring bait a concern. Since I find live bait usually produces better than dead, I never wait for the last minute to get mine. I don't like to be caught without killies and usually set out to buy mine two days before a planned trip. Most times when I can purchase them, they are kept nice and fresh in the killie pot tied alongside the Noreen E. When killies can't be purchased, I still have plenty of time to go to another tackle shop or to trap my own.

Once your tackle is ready and you have bait, it's time to locate our finned friends. If you're sailing from Staten Island, you are within a half hour run of some of the most productive fluke fishing grounds in New York/New Jersey waters, Raritan and Lower N.Y. bays. When the flats of Princess Bay are not producing, there's always New Dorp Beach, Chapel Hill, the Islands (Hoffman and Swinburne), Old Orchard, West Bank, Tottenville or Sandy Hook to try.

Most Staten Island based boats never venture far from the Island's shoreline. When fish are caught close to shore, it's difficult to pass them up to take a ride to Chapel Hill or Sandy Hook. Staten Island boats travel to deeper offshore areas only when the action slows at their favorite haunts. This usually occurs in late July through mid-August when the waters close to shore reach their highest temperatures (over 75 degrees) and cause the fish to scatter.

In the fall I find fishing good through all tidal stages as long as you keep your bait in motion. Even though the water close to shore gets very shallow at low tide, you still catch fluke. It may be my imagination, but I believe fluke caught in shallow water put up a better fight than those caught in deeper water. A fluke caught in shallow water has nowhere to go and runs from side to side attempting to get free.

My records for the last 9 years show that fluke have been pretty consistent when they arrive, where they take up residence, when they pack up and leave and with what they eat. The past few years have been noteworthy for what appears to be a slowly improving fishery and for the vast number of shorts caught.

In early September, fluke are caught off Staten Island's shores close to the beach, all along the Raritan reach channel and between the Bug Lights (20 and Great Kills) and Old Orchard Light. The fish are of mixed sizes with well over a 30 percent throwback ratio. In addition to 1½ and 2 lb. fish each trip usually produces a few three and four pounders. At this time of year, fluke begin to move back to the shallow warmer waters along the beach and an occasional 5 or 6 pounder will be caught. Close to shore the most productive baits have been fluke belly and killies.

Before I get into where and when fluke are caught, I want to take a few minutes to make you aware of a fairly common occurrence. Anyone fishing Raritan Bay should be prepared to fish for game fish chasing bait when the opportunity presents itself. While drifting for fluke it is not uncommon to be invaded by blues chasing bunker schools. I believe in taking advantage of all opportunities and always have a rod rigged with a jig for bluefish. If you are fishing from a party boat and can't bring another rod, at least have a jig available and be ready to change over when the opportunity presents itself.

The fishing improves as the water continues to cool in early September. For the past three years, I've boated more than 14 keepers per man fishing between the Great Kills Bug Light and Old Orchard Light during the first week in September on killies.

No matter where I select to go when leaving Great Kills Harbor I'll either

commit myself to the east or west. When I head west, you'll usually find me fishing a little off the beach near Princess Bay Buoy 4. Drifts between Buglight 20 and Buoy 4 in any direction usually produce fish. If the action's not to my liking after a drift or two, I move south a short distance and fish the edges of the Raritan Reach Channel. The areas around buoy 10, 12 and 14 usually treat me pretty good. I'll either drift the channel edge or off the channel about halfway toward Old Orchard Light. If this area is not producing I'll move a little further south toward Sandy Hook and fish the junction of the Raritan Reach and Chapel Hill Channels or offshore and a little east of Old Orchard Light. Just where the fish are found is function of temperature. When water temperatures are above 75 degrees smaller fish move close to the beaches and larger fish move into deeper waters. The number of shorts caught close to shore continues to be unbelievable. I remember one Wednesday during September '84, my father and I caught well over 100 fish in 4 hours and only had 14 keepers. Those who like to catch and release fish continue to have fantastic almost non-stop action. Remember, some larger fish are also caught close to shore, so you won't go home empty-handed. However, most larger fish are found in the deeper waters of Raritan Reach Channel and in the Chapel Hill area.

Another favorite spot of mine when I commit myself to the west is inside of Sandy Hook Bay. Short drifts from inside the hook across the Ammunition Pier Channel produce some of the most hectic and rewarding fishing of the year. If we don't catch fish in Sandy Hook Bay, I'll try fishing outside the hook along either Sandy Hook or Ambrose Channels. The concentration of Sheepshead Bay and Atlantic Highland party boats will show the weekend angler where the fish have bunched up.

When I head east the first productive spot I try is off Great Kills Park Beach. Drifts between Great Kills and New Dorp are usually rewarding. I prefer to drift parallel to the beach about halfway between the Great Kills Bug Light and Old Orchard Light. Drifts between Old Orchard Light and shore are also productive. If the action's slow I'll continue east to the Hoffman and Swinburne Islands. Depending on conditions I'll either drift from South Beach to the Islands or between the islands. If the fish are not there, I'll try drifting along the channel edge between West Bank Light and the islands. If this area is not productive it's only a quick run to either Romer Shoal or the Coney Island Flats. Depending where the fish are I usually fish these areas into late September.

As water temperatures continue to fall in early October fish of all sizes bunch up in the shallow bay waters at harbor entrances to fatten up for their offshore migration. Sandy Hook Bay

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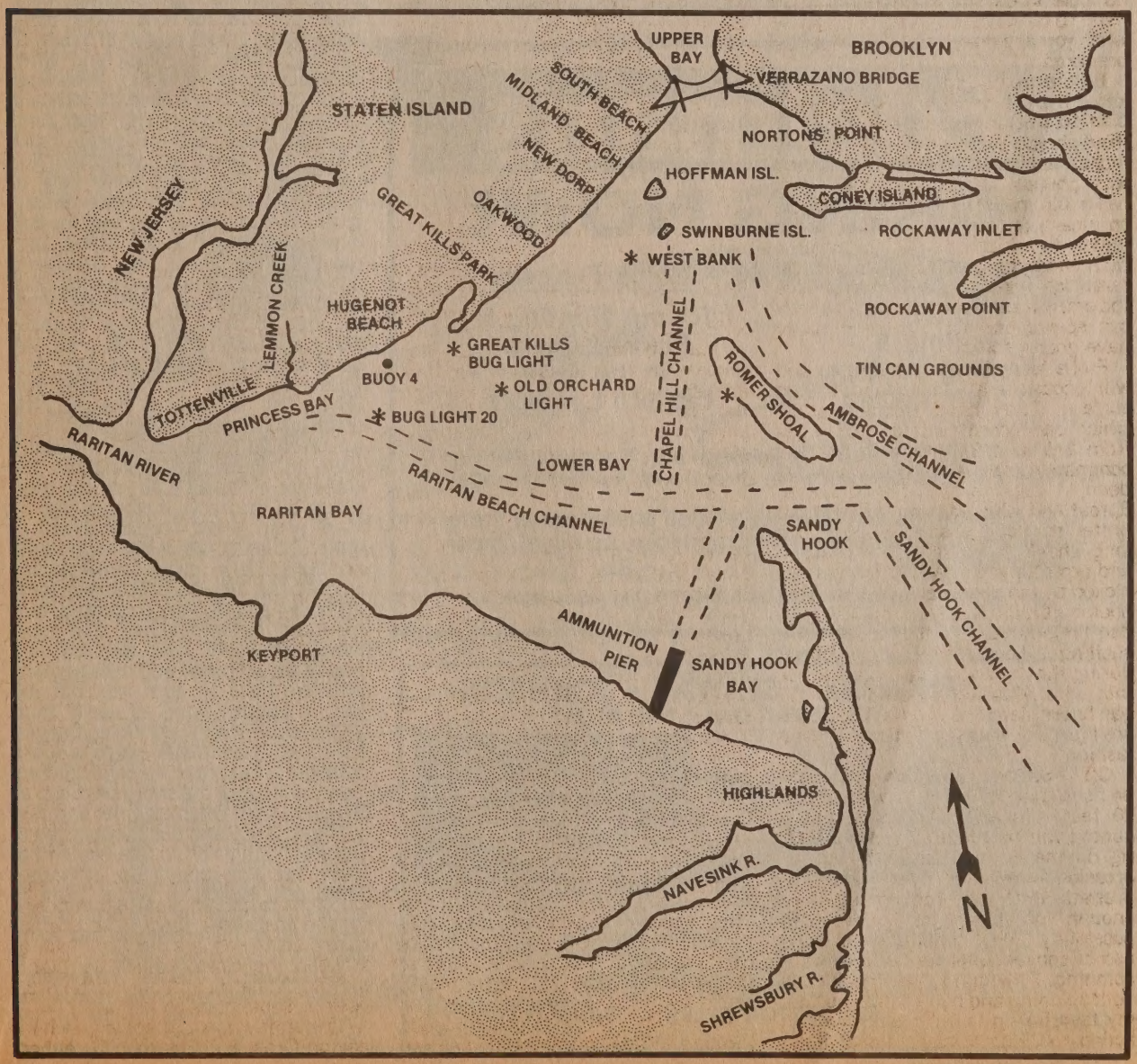

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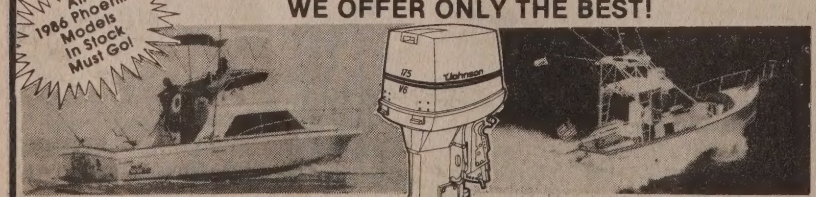

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and West Bank around the islands will hold fish until bad weather forces them into the deeper waters at the tip of Sandy Hook and in the Tin Can Grounds. Last year fishing was just fair for boats that stayed close to shore. Those that looked for fish around Sandy Hook or the Can had catches of 10 to 15 keepers per man with 4 to 6 pounders not uncommon. For the last few years I caught fluke in the approaches to New York Harbor up until the last week of October. Unfortunately, each year at the same time I go away on business. When I return in mid-November I hear reports of fluke still being caught in the same general vicinity.

Well, so much for where you can find our finned friends. Here's a run-down of the baits that were successful in the past and will hopefully continue to produce. Surprisingly, single baits continue to outproduce combinations. Killies on most trips produced best while fishing close to shore in up to 20 feet of water. When fishing gets slow I add a strip of fluke belly or sea robin to spice up the killie offering. Most times this does the trick. When using fluke belly, leave plenty of meat on the skin. Both the black and white sides are equally effective. Whenever I use sea robin, I remove the skin and use only flesh strips. The flesh holds up quite well and produces much better than when you leave the skin on. When I've used sand eels or spearing I found they were equally productive as long as you kept the bait moving by continuously lifting your rod tip two or three feet. Snappers, either strips or whole, are tremendous producers and well worth the time required to catch. Another fantastic bait to use is soft shell calico crab. We usually get ours from the fish box. These are crabs that have been spit up by fish we already caught. The crabs catch fish like crazy every time we are able to use them. It doesn't seem to matter what condition the crabs are in. As long as you can keep a crab on the hook, it catches fish.

In prior years, combinations of either killies or sand eels with squid or fluke belly strips outproduced single baits. For the past three years, however, single baits constantly outproduced combinations. God only knows what will work this fall. It's wise to be prepared and take as many different baits on each trip that you can. I usually bring at least four: killies, sand eels, spearing and squid. Five inch fluke belly strips are cut from the first keeper we catch and are used in place of the squid. As soon as we catch a sea robin we fillet and skin it immediately and use these strips in place of fluke belly. In late September when the fish bunch up at harbor entrances, switch to larger baits to attract larger fish. My favorite is an 8 inch strip of fluke belly or sea robin with a killie.

Don't pass up this fall fluke action. It's some of the best of the season and there is no time like the fall on the waters around Staten Island.

FISHERMAN TIPS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

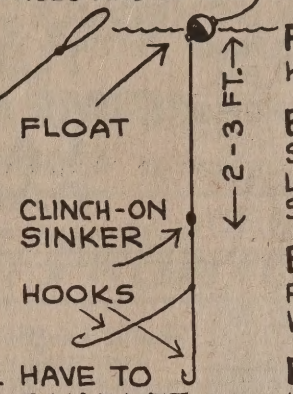
SEPTEMBER IS THE BEST MONTH FOR SNAPPERS AS THEY ARE BIG PAN SIZE AND THERE'S MORE OF THEM... THE FOLLOWING TECHNIQUES PROVIDE MY WINTER SUPPLY.

USING TWO HOOKS DOUBLES YOUR CHANCES AND OFTEN PRODUCES DOUBLE HEADERS.

ATTACH 2ND HOOK TO OVERHAND KNOT BEFORE PULLING BOTH KNOTS TIGHT.

SNAPPER HOOKS

DOUBLE OVERHAND KNOT IN MIDDLE OF 1ST HOOK LEADER WILL NOT SLIP AFTER BEING TIGHTENED.



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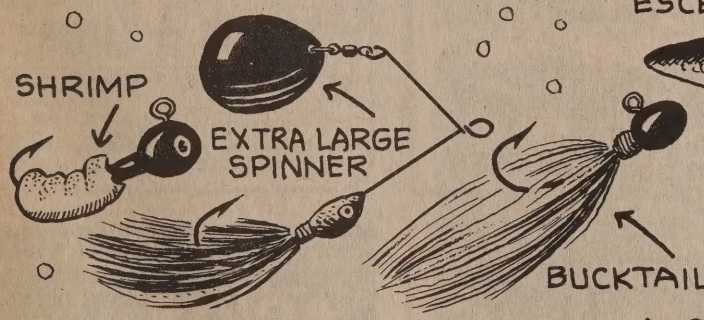

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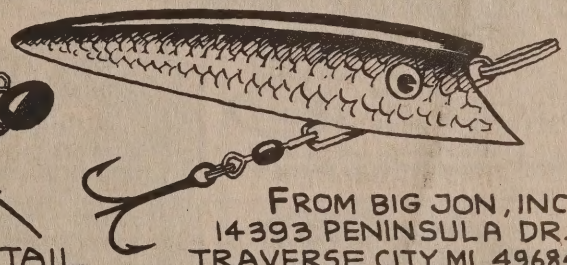

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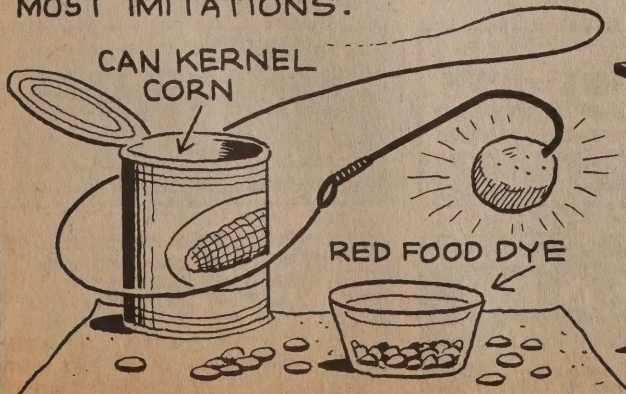

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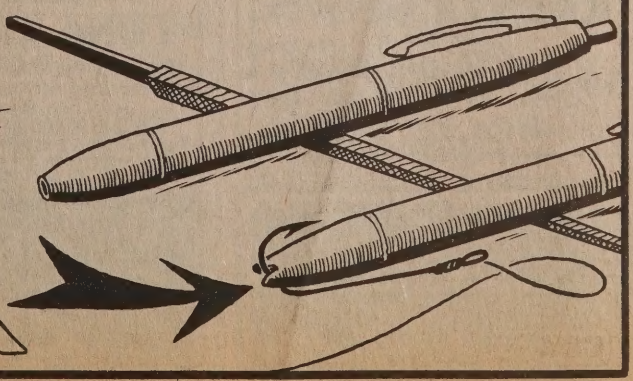

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Tuna fishing was tough this past week, with the best shot at tuna a 40 or more mile trek offshore since only a few bluefin were hooked up at the Butterfish Hole. Fluking, however, reached a frenzied pace this past week, with dozens of doormats weighed in at local marinas. Last chance at big fluke may be this weekend. Plenty of bluefish of all sizes have come into east end waters, providing plenty of action. Porgies are holding up well and blackfish catches are up.

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Maureen Sennefelder spoke of fine fluke catches made by customers at **Gone Fishing Marina** during the past week. On Saturday, Jim Policastro of Ridgefield, NJ put 25 fluke, top weight 8 lbs., into the fih box on the 'Hooker.' Ramp customer Marty Kessler and his wife Lee caught 15 fluke to 8½ lbs. on the trailered "Exciter." Ben and Mark loaded up with fluke to 10 lbs. on the "Francesca." All fluke were caught on the south side. Tom Jordan (T.J.) fished with green crabs, north of the jetty for a large number of blackfish, finally taking the SS Neversail out of th marina. A few tuna and shark were located offshore. Jack Siele fished near the first finger on the maiden voyage of his new boat, Persistence, with Jim Bloom. A 165 lb. mako

LIF subscriber Jim Russo, second from right, teamed with Arnie Manzo, Charlie Geller, Tom Culmone, Tim Lenihan and Steve Figliossi on the Montauk charter boat, "Mako Express." The group had this pair of 70 lb. marlin, a 275 lb. blue shark (released) and dropped an estimated 350 lb. mako.

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Captain Bill Ricca of the **Alyssa Ann**, reported one or two tuna a day, bluefins to 100 lbs., for anglers fishing 40 or more miles south of the Point. Inshore, fluking was tremendous last week. On Saturday, 3 dozen fluke, with sea bass and bluefish were caught by Stan Martinik and his group. Most fish were in the 3 to 6 lb. range, however, the highlight of the day was a doormat of 14.3 lbs. caught by Capt. Ricca.

Captain Bob Storc reported a good fluke catch on Friday with Tom Immerso, on the **Caprice**, with many fluke, some to 6½ lbs. Sunday's charter with Maurice Curtis and his friends was heavy into porgies, catching a few bushels of fish to 2 lbs.

Doctors Mike Zinner and Daman Sue released a dusky shark, estimated at 500 lbs. by Capt. Paul Grangreco, on Labor Day weekend. The group fished 15 miles north of the fishtales on the **Fisherman II**, returned with two yellowfin tuna to 80 lbs. On Wednesday, a couple of yellowfin were located south of the Butterfish Hole with Charles and Leslie Servio and Dennis Picciano. Paul and Jim O'Connor enjoyed a good day Tuesday with 80 jumbo sea bass and about 100 porgies. On Saturday, Captain Paul fished with his son and friends for 100 sea bass and as many porgies.

Captain Gene Alvarez, speaking for **Captains Cove Marina** told of tuna 40 miles or more offshore, with hot action in the Canyon. Tons of bait has come into the Butterfish Hole and it is hoped the tuna will not be far behind. Inshore, blackfish have started biting at Shagwong; porgies are holding up well; blues can be seen on the surface with a few bonito close to the beach. Fluke catches were pretty good during the past week. On Saturday, Capt. Alvarez caught a 7 lber. on the "Overtime," but his wife, Ruby, took the pool with her doormat of 9¾ lbs.

Young Andy Carman with one of three tuna up to 171 lbs. taken aboard the family boat, A Team, on 7-29. They were weighed at Montauk Marine Basin.

Late last week, Rudy Pasteretti caught 20 fluke, top weight 11.7 lbs. All fluke were caught on the south side. Charter boat action at the marina included fluke to 12 lbs. on the **Joy Sea** early last week; a couple of bluefin tuna to 80 lbs. this weekend and fluke on the **Windy**, some of 8 lbs., caught by Kevin, Dominick and Joe.

South side fluke action was red hot all week. Dennis Schmidt trailered his boat "Salty" from Selden, NY on Labor Day weekend, doing very well. On a return trip last Friday, with Jim Algerio, the pair fished shallow water on the south side for 38 fluke, the largest 9½ lbs. Action seemed to slow on Sunday, however, attributed partly to tremendous boat traffic, and commercial draggers towing through the recreational fluke fleet.

Cosmo Picone of Pelham, NY and his family landed a brown shark on Labor Day, fishing on the charter boat **My Mate**. The 124 lb. fish will be mounted. Angling honors go to teenagers Tricia and Vincent who combined their efforts to land the fish. Captain Joe McBride reported a slowdown in shark action the past week, however, bluefish took up the slack, with small blues along the south side, the Point and to the Harbor. Many bass are mixed with the blues, providing catch and release action. Fluke slowed a bit on the weekend, but the quality is there. While tuna action is slow at the Butterfish Hole, most Montauk charter captains feel that the stabilization of weather conditions will bring a return of bluefin to the area. Tuna are, however, red hot at the "Aquarium," a four hour or more trip from the Point. Anglers willing to travel this far will see tuna. Kenneth Bonner and his friends returned with yellowfin tuna from here.

Captain Ron Grandinetti enjoyed excellent inshore fishing over the weekend on the **Julie III**, fishing Friday with Sal Spurge for 310 porgies to 3 lbs., along with over 100 bluefish. Saturday's trip with Artie Wierman counted 9 flounder to 3 lbs. along with a fish box full of porgies and bluefish, most action at or near the point. Sunday, Mr. Jones and his group from the Fresh Pont Depot of the NYC Transit fished the south side and the Point, for a mess of porgies and blues, plus a 7 lb. blackfish.

Fantastic fall fishing was reported by Smitty at **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** with plenty of blues from the harbor through the Point to the south side. Sea bass were caught at Shagwong and Washington Shoals, with flounder biting in the Lake as a standby in bad weather. On Saturday, Anthony Cava and his friends returned to **Uihlein's** with 16 fluke, top weight 4 lbs., along with a 5 lb. bonito and some bluefish. Fluke to nearly 4 lbs. were also caught by Frank and Patty DeFranco who were fishing at the Lighthouse with friends Randy Land and Sheri Tauber.

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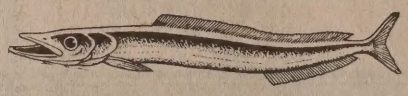

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Edelman's Lou Rosado, fishing with Nick on Friday, located seven nice fluke in the morning, all weighing between 6 and 7 lbs. The afternoon's exploratory trip located lots of blackfish, sea bass and porgies on the Pocketbook. The next day, with Earl Jones and his friends, smaller fluke were caught first thing in the morning, before settling in at the Pocketbook for over 50 sea bass, several over 4 lbs, a mess of blackfish and a few bluefish. On Sunday, Lou was surprised by a 9 lb. codfish which leaped on a porgy hook, while fishing sea bass, blackfish and porgies. Apparently very large—some 2 lbs.—bergalls also discovered the area.

John Thomas, fishing on his **Star Island Yacht Club** berthed boat, "Baby B," caught the fluke of a lifetime last Wednesday. John, who specializes in fluke, drifted a large strip of bluefish on one of his favorite spots on the south side. It proved irresistible to a 19 lb. fluke. John will have this fish mounted and placed alongside the 17 lber. that he caught several years ago. We'll all be rooting for your 20 lber., John!

Captain Phil Lewis had a decent week with shark and tuna, including a giant, fishing the Butterfish Hole on charter trips on the **Adios**. Tuesday's trip wtih Chuck Stroli of Greenwich, Conn. saw a tuna of 375 lbs. fought for 2½ hours on 80 lb. tackle, with the boat in full reverse for most of the fight. Wednesday's group, with Bill Payton caught a very small mako on a diamond jig, then had the dubious pleasure of seeing a mako, estimated at 200 lbs., leap out of the water with a butterfish bait, only 15 feet from the boat. Pete Best of Engelwood, NJ hooked up and fought a 226 lb. thresher shark which took a tuna bait.

Captain King of the charter boat **King Wayne** reported fantastic bluefishing at Cartwright and fine tuna fishing in the "Aquarium," an area 40 or more miles southeast of Block Island. On Labor Day, Don Haskell and his friends successfully fought three yellowfins and three bluefins, but had 13 hookups. Saturday's charter with Bill Kanekes, boated bluefin tuna to 100 lbs. and lost some at the boat. Bluefish of mixed sizes, 2 to 18 lbs., were caught by Lou Gazda and his friends (who opted for blues, after being skunked on tuna at the Butterfish Hole on Friday). Weekend trips with Bob Hauenstein Saturday night and the Springbrook Fishing Club Sunday were described as a leap job, with all the bluefish the groups wanted.

Weekend tuna trips on the charter boat **Pronto**, a long ride to over 40 miles off Montauk, resulted in a bluefin of 85 lbs., plus a mako shark for Ron Kessenbaum. On Sunday, Leo D'Allasandro and his friends returned with a 100 lb. bluefin, fishing the same area. Captain Mike Bentevegna, Jr. concentrated on fluke on Friday with David Smith, catching several, top weight 10 lbs., with the average size around 5 lbs.

The **Reel Magic** traveled far offshore on Labor Day with Bobbie, Douglas, Rob and George for bluefin and longfin albacore tuna. Saturday's charter fished Cartwright in the morning with Larry and Peter Colonna, catching a mess of bluefish and sea bass, then drifting the south side for several nice size fluke.

Captain Weiss concentrated on doormat fluke on charter trips on the **Gusto** the past week, meeting with outstanding success. On Labor Day, Howie Segal and his son caught a mess of fluke from 4½ lbs., with a doormat of 11 lbs. The south shore "Express" group which included Artie Hoerning and his father-in-law came upon really big fluke on Wednesday. Lou Cucinieri's huge fluke weighed 14 lbs. 14 oz. at the **Montauk Marine Basin**. The group caught 27 fish, most over 5 lbs., with some real hummers. On Saturday, Mike Canepa and his family caught several fluke from 4 to 7 lbs.

Captain Dusty Dorzbacher of the open boat **Little Bear** reports continued good porgy fishing, although fishing efforts were hampered by a big heave on the sea several days last week, a result of the northeast einds. However, anglers still caught a mess of fish, with sizes ranging from

June Heath decked this 10½ lb. doormat fluke at Montauk on Aug. 1st. She used a Capt. Nappi fluke rig to take the big flattie. The fish is potential IGFA 16 pound class women's record.

medium to large. High hook and winner of a half fare trip on Sunday was Lanny D'Aguilla of Freeport, with 62 porgies.

Captain Fred Bird spoke of continued good catches on the **Flying Cloud** and felt that weekend fishing was hampered by tremendous boat traffic. High hook honors during the week went to John Martinson of West Point, who caught 122 on Thursday; "Sudsy" with 140 on Friday; Dennis Doughberg with 76 on Saturday and 67 by Willie on Sunday. An interesting highlight of the weekend was the 6¼ lb. fluke caught by Michael Doughberg on Saturday's trip.

SOUTH FORK

Dick Mendelman at **Harbor Marina** spoke of plentiful bluefish in the rips on the east side of Gardiner's, claiming that it was practically impossible not to catch blues, no matter what method was used. **Three Mile Harbor** is loaded with snappers, according to Dick. Blackfish catches have been made at Northwest Harbor by would be porgy anglers.

Rental boat customers continue to catch plenty of porgies fishing at Cedar Point, said Chris Salb at **Bayview Marine and Tackle**. Snappers in **Sag Harbor** are large and plentiful. Bluefish off Gardiner's Bay, and in Plum Gut are taking poppers, tubes and jigs. Large porgies have been caught by anglers fishing the east side of Gardiner's Island.

Captain Artie Lach of the **Sag Harbor** based open boat **Wilhelric II** enjoyed decent action with porgies most of last week, with Labor Day especially good. Fish range from small to jumbos with the fishing erratic during days when the winds are from the northwest. Blackfishing at both Little Gull Islands and Fishers is red hot. Last Tuesday, anglers encountered all day action with sea bass, porgies and bulldog blackfish. Carol Jaspers took the pool with a blackfish of eleven and three quarter pounds. Phyllis Hooker caught a total of fourteen blackfish with ten pounds two ounces her heaviest. On Wednesday, fishing at Little Gull, fish were smaller, but plentiful, with the pool fish near seven pounds, according to Captain Clark Bellows. The **Wilhelric II** will sail for blackfish on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday starting this week.

Carol and Jay Kowalski tried fluking with their sons Jeff and Glenn on the "Sea Hawk", berthed at **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks**. They had a mess of small fluke and hoards of sea robbins. They managed three keepers near Shinnecock Inlet. Ron Woodward tried sharking on his new "Goshawk" with Sherry Corr and J.J. The trio tagged and released a couple of duskies thirty miles offshore. Plenty of skipjacks were noted on the way to the shark grounds. Bob Tangolics, fishing on the "Misty Blue", found some bonita with bluefish two miles from the Sea Buoy.

Early last week, the charter boat **M&M's** had good tuna action, fishing at the Dip. Five bigeye tuna from 170 to 260 pounds, with two yellowfins were brought into Indian Cove Marina. On Sunday's trip, with Ron Volpe and Reiner Scherzinger, a 230 pound mako shark was caught fishing eighteen miles off Shinnecock Inlet on a southeasterly heading. Plenty of skipjack tuna and false albacore were noted.

On Labor Day, Zek Nesteruk and his friends fished at the 41 Fathom Line on the **Dutch Treat**, returning with three yellowfin tuna. This weekend, however, tuna were hard to find according to Captain Don Van DeWater, with everyone searching in vain. However, loads of skipjacks and false albacore were located in 150 to 180 feet of water on Sunday with the Ekberg party.

Fourteen year old Ian Schuler and his nine year old sister Jamie of East Quogue, were the talk of Shinnecock Inlet on Saturday. The youngsters fished on their dad "Tugboat" Charlie on the family boat "I'm Available" drifting whole bunker for blues. While dad watched and advised, both youngsters expertly fought blues to about fifteen pounds while dad did the gaffing.

Al Flexer continues to tempt the Ponquogue Bridge fish population with his **Feather Jigs**. Friday's effort accounted for seven fluke to five pounds, a couple of blues, fourty sea bass, thirty-one stripers and a blackfish which liked a Flash Jig. Satur-

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day's trip with Doctor Urist found lots of short fluke near the inlet, but three keepers to three pounds were located in three hours. On Sunday, Al and Myrna Kramer jigged a mess of stripers, with sea bass to two pounds. Highlighting the trip however was a nine and three quarter pound weakfish, caught by Myrna, which jumped on a one quarter ounce Flash Jig. Al remarked on the invasion of sea robbins in the Shinnecock area. Flounder mavens have been fishing the deep holes at the Quogue Canal off the golf course (where Buoy 7A used to be), with success.

Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** feels that this may be the last weekend for serious fluking, since the sea robbins have come in force. Bluefish action is steady in the inlet and in the ocean. A few wreck fishermen reported some activity with sea bass and porgies. Blackfish are providing constant action off Big Gull Island. Anglers should try the Basket and Tianna Bay for flounder.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

The first full week of September provided its usual mixed bag of action for area anglers. Fluke remain a worthwhile target, but the fish are concentrating now around the inlets. Some of the best fishing of the year is being found outside the inlets, but more on this in the reports. Blackfish have made their presence felt on inshore wrecks, reefs and rock piles and sea bass continue to please sinker bouncers with their numbers if not their size. Bluefishing continues to gain momentum as it builds towards a the fall peak. Flounder have shown some new signs of life in both bays. There's also porgies, weakfish, strippers, snappers and crabs for the bay angler to choose from.

Offshore fishing was red hot for those making the long trek to the canyon and there were some tuna taken from atop distant offshore wrecks in recent days.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Gary Grunsig at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in East Moriches said that fluke continue to be taken back in the bay at buoy 41 with Phil Sztorc taking 9 keepers in that area on Sunday. Several boatmen have turned their sights to flounder and it appears that the run is off to an earlier start than usual. The station will have worms in

stock for this weekend. Best scores have come from the buoy 36-38 area. Quite a few sea bass mixed with the flounder. The hole between buoys 42 and 43 continues to surrender a nice mixed bag of porgies, sea bass and blackfish. Crabbing and snapper fishing remain very good and there are blues and weakfish at the inlet on bunker.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue, Paul Graniello spoke of nice big snappers taking deeply fished spearing and artificials at the local docks. Good numbers of big blue claws also reported this past week. Fluke reports continue to filter in from both Moriches and Fire Island Inlets. In addition, Moriches action included some good flounder fishing. Blackfish action has started at the Moriches jetty and in Great South Bay at Kismet and the Sore Thumb. Bluefish are in both inlets. On Wednesday Ken Yerbes, Vinnie Remini and Jack Selvaggio had a fine catch of big blues in the 10 to 12 lb. range while drifting bunker chunks in Moriches Inlet.

Dave Canale at **J&R Sports Center** in Oakdale said that the best fluke action is now at the inlet and outside. Good numbers of sea bass being taken by fluke fishermen, particularly in the Robert Moses Bridge area. Still plenty of snappers around and some guys reporting doing very well with crabs, while others speak of slim pickings.

Fluke fishing remains good at the inlet, according to Jim Romano of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in East Islip. A fair mix of sea bass are with the fluke. Blackfish now on the reef at Kismet and the shop does have fiddler crabs in stock. There's a flurry of action with weakfish in the 3 lb. range off of Heckscher Park. On Saturday, Chuck LaCarrubba worked between buoys 4 and 5-Heckscher and put away half a dozen 3 lb. weaks on squid strips. He fished outgoing water. Earlier in the week, John Cavanaugh and family, aboard FJR & ME II returned from a canyon trip with 2 small swordfish and 4 yellowfin tuna to 100 lbs.

Good bluefishing south of the light in 80 feet of water for trollers and jiggers. Most of the fish falling into the 8 to 10 lb. range. This via Carl Miller at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in Bay Shore. Best fluke action is now concentrated at the inlet. Some nice sea bass to 4 lbs. reported from in front of the riprap near the Robert Moses Park superintendent's house. A mixed bag of porgies, sea bass, blackfish and blowfish on the Kismet Reef and snappers and crabs both remain good. Canyon fishing continued hot with the Crystal Lady returning with 7 bigeyes from a Friday night trip. On Saturday night,

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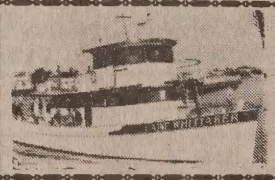

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Open boat anglers have a rare opportunity to sample a wide array of species. Included are some rather unique open boat trips for this area. Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VIII** called to say that customers should keep an eye out for upcoming canyon tuna trips as early as next week. If you're interested in getting in on this action, you can call 661-1652. As far as the bluefishing is concerned, the skipper labeled it super day and night, with most of the fish ranging between 5 and 14 lbs., though one pool fish this week did hit the 20 lb. mark. The fish are being taken on bait and jigs in the daytime and bait at night.

Captain Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen** reported on his first shot at doormat fluke on the ocean reef and wrecks. After being denied Thursday's trip due to the weather, Sunday saw 10 doormats (fish in excess of 5 lbs.) as well as numerous other quality fish taken on the trip. In addition, approximately 200 sea bass were caught among the fluke. Len Dingfelder of Brooklyn had a 7.1 lb. doormat. Gordon also asked that we remind customers that he will be sailing full day trips for sea bass, porgies and blackfish effective immediately, as well as his Thursday and Sunday full day doormat fluke trips. His night bluefish trips produced lots of choppers this week. On Friday 20 fares accounted for over 300 blues in the 2 to 5 lb. range. Gordon said that Saturday provided some of the best

fishing of the season. Fishing south of the inlet in 150 feet of water, his fares put away between 500 and 600 blues averaging 5 to 7 lbs. with quite a few 10 to 14 lb. choppers mixed in.

Captain Fred Laier of the Captree charter boat **Eagle** put a group of anglers from Elco Rod and Reel Club onto a load of false albacore while trolling north of the Virginia on Saturday. On Sunday, a day trip to the canyon produced 11 yellowfins for the Doug Gowler party. This was all chunking and chumming. The skipper reminded that he does have a couple of September tuna dates still open.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the Captree open boat **Capt. Joseph II** spoke of a good pick of sea bass on the Fire Island ocean reef with a sprinkling of blackfish, porgies and fluke. On Saturday, a steady pick on the Fire Island reef resulted in over 500 sea bass averaging 1 to 1½ lbs. being taken. On Sunday, exceptionally strong currents created tough fishing conditions, but fares still managed to put away about 400 sea bass ranging from 1½ to 2½ lbs. Fishing was done on the reef and a local wreck. Stu Pectz had Sunday's pool fish, a 3.10 lber. The skipper noted that night bluefishing has been consistently good.

Captain George Tweedy of the Captree open boat **Captain Scotty 3** asked that we remind customers that beginning on Thursday, September 11th, he will be fishing Fire Island wrecks and reefs for fluke, sea bass, blues, porgies and blackfish. Of the fluking, George called it very good all week, although Saturday's AM trip was poor. Several 4 to 5 lbers. brought to net this week.

Captain Richie Abrams of the Captree open boat **Captain Whitaker** has made the switch to blackfish and is sailing 8AM daily—full day. Saturday saw over 300 blacks from 2 to 3½ lbs. in addition to smaller fish that were thrown back taken by fares. The skipper was encouraged by this good early showing and is looking forward to the arrival of bigger fish later in the month.

Captain Carl Passaro of the Captree open boat **Miss Captree** noted that his wreck trips for sea bass, blackfish and porgies got off to a good start. Sea bass made up the bulk of the action and there was a sprinkling of black fish to 6 lbs. as well. On Friday, Vinnie Marchese put away 28 sea bass, while boat regular Ferdinand was high hook with 37 sea bass and porgies. John Guido took pool honors with a 7.1 lb. blackfish. He also had 2 dozen nice sea bass. Same day, Don and Lynne Sisco bagged 30 sea bass between them. Fishing was done o the ocean reef and over an offshore wreck.

Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait and Tackle** reported quite a turn out for their annual snapper derby held this past weekend. More than 800 anglers, young and old, participated in the event. He was disappointed in the snapper fishing which was good all

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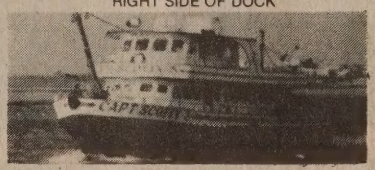

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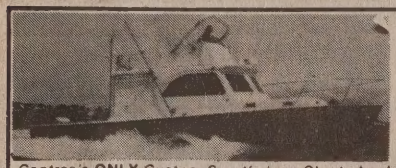

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week but slowed just in time for the derby. An 8 oz. snapper taken at Jones Beach was the largest of the contest. Fluke fishing is now concentrated at the inlet and outside with quite a few sea bass mixed with them. Blackfishing is under way with quite a few anglers reporting action with them in recent days. The shop has both fiddler and green crabs in stock for tautog fans. From all indications, it was a good weekend for bluefish with the better scores reported by boats running east of the inlet.

Captain Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** spoke of good fluking in the inlet area with 3 to 4 keepers per man about average. A reminder that the boat is sailing full day trips at 8AM daily, Tuesday through Sunday.

Fluke fishing seems to have slowed a bit on the inside, but still some good catches being made at the mouth of the inlet-east to the pound nets, with quite a few 2 to 4 lb. fish. A nice showing of blackfish in the 2 to 3 lb. range with sea bass mixed in at Kismet and most bay wrecks and reefs, as well as at the RM bridge. On Tuesday, Frank Lostasso checked in with 8.12 lb. blackfish taken on a fiddler crab in the bay. Augie's has fiddler and green crabs in stock. Still some weaks to 9 lbs. being taken on live snappers near the Sore Thumb. Blues to 15 lbs. on most wrecks including the Yankee, San Diego and the Oregon. On Friday, the BCA charter boat **Tork I** had a party of light tackle enthusiasts aboard. Buzz Harris, Norm Webster, Pat Callan and Howard Guga light tackled (including fly rods) 44 blues to 12 lbs., many of which were released. On Wednesday, Capt. Richie Westerlind saw 35 blues to 8 lbs. come aboard the 3 Sons. This was on the Yankee. On Sunday, he again ran the 3 Sons, owned by Dick Orlandi out to a wreck along the 30 fathom curve. Thirty pollock to 39 lbs. were the result. Tom noted that there continues to be decent tuna action with mostly bluefins being chunked on the offshore wrecks. On Saturday, Frank Billich, Jr., nailed a 60 lb. yellowfin aboard the BCA charter boat **Ida Jean II**. The crew also totalled 24 false albacore to 16 lbs. The best tuna fishing continues to be

at the canyon with boatmen chunking at night racking up impressive scores of yellowfins and bigeyes. Snapper fishing remains very good with bigger fish dominating the catches now.

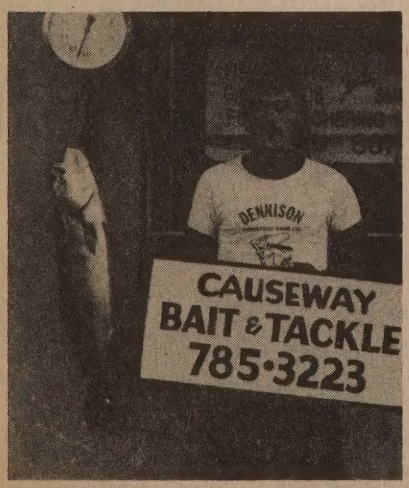
Speaking from **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in Lindenhurst, Jimmy Schaefer reported a mixed bag of flounder, sea bass and sand porgies being taken in the Copiague Hole, West Channel and in the Sore Thumb Pocket. Use blood or sand worms and clam chum. Best fluking is now concentrated at the inlet or outside as sea conditions permit. A fair number of 2 to 4 lb. fish among them. Blacks are now being taken at Kismet, Sore Thumb, RM bridge and various bay wrecks. Jimmy does have fiddler and green crabs in stock. Best bet for blues remains south of Patchogue in Cherry Grove on bait, jigs, and by trolling. Tuna are on the offshore wrecks and at the canyon for those chunking and chumming. Both snappers and crabs are bigger, but their numbers appear to be decreasing.

Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** reported fluke at the inlet, the pound nets and the Fire Island ocean reef. A mixed bag of porgies, sea bass, flounder and blowfish at the Copiague Hole in Sore Thumb pocket and a good early showing of blackfish in the bay. Frank and Fanny Savage along with Joan Desmond put away 17 blacks to 5 lbs. on the Kismet Reef Saturday aboard the Lady Ann. They used green crabs and fiddlers. Blues being trolled and jigged east of the inlet anywhere from 30 to 80 feet of water. Snappers getting to be impressive in the size department.

Chester Shew at **Z Crab Tackle** in Copiague told of Mark and John DeBlasio and Lou DeAngelo who fished south of the inlet in 160 feet of water on Saturday. They returned with a 70 lb. yellowfin and told of dropping five more. They also had dolphin and caught and released a dozen brown and dusky sharks as well. Best fluke reports seem to be restricted to the inlet and an increase in blackfish activity this week. Al Smith and friends put together a good haul while fishing the Oak Beach barge. Tog also reported on the Kismet Reef. Snappers and crabs remain good most days.

Buzzie Bozzelli continues to do a good job on weakfish ranging from 8 to 12 lbs. according to Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor. He has been working near the bridges with live bunker. On Thursday, Captain Morgan aboard the Enterprise put away over 100 sea bass on clams and squid near the Robt.' Moses bridge. Tom Claude aboard his Jesse James, continues to do a good job on a mixture of porgies, sea bass, blowfish and flounder at the Copiague Hole. The Reel Affair reported bailing blues in 40 feet of water south of the light on Friday. Barry Mack had a load of skipjack as well as a small mako and one yellowfin while fishing near the Virginia on Saturday. Rich Ferri's Rum and Coke returned from a canyon chunking trip on Sunday with 5 yellowfins. According to Bob, fluke are at the inlet and just outside, while blacks appear to e be settling in at Kismet. Some decent flounder scores reported near Squaw Island and snappers still at the docks in worthwhile numbers.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's** in Farmingdale spoke of excellent tuna fishing at the Canyon with virtually all



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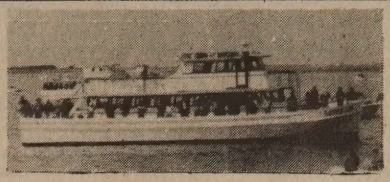

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West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Probably due to the shots of wind and rain last week, fishing was not super-duper but was also not too bad either. Offshore seemed to slow down a bit with intermittent shots of yellowfin tuna being caught. Bluefishing was hot and cold but with a lot more alligators in evidence. The tail end of the fluking and the beginning of a good run of fall flounder has been noted along with a good mixed bag of pin bass, sand porgies, snappers and blackfish inside.

of the fish being taken via chunking and chumming. Lots of sea bass being taken by sinker bouncers inside the bay as well as on the Fire Island ocean reef. On Saturday, the Narda II returned with 28 sea bass from 2 to 5 lbs. taken near the new castle. Also on Saturday, Rich Molnar spotted a school of stripers feeding on the surface in the state channel. He stopped long enough to plug and release two of the fish, including an estimated 20 lber. Fluke fishing slowing in the bay, but still worthwhile just outside the inlet. Some flounder now mixing in at the Copiague Hole with sea bass and porgies.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Over at **Wanser's Tackle** in Seaford we learn that the week's best fluking has been in the inlet area and around

the Big M. Also hot was the east side of Massapequa Cove with one customer taking 33 keepers on spearing, squid and killies. Snappers and BCCs have been very cooperative almost all over the bay and there's been a heavy sprinkling of flounder, sea bass and porgies in the deeper holes and around the bridges.

We learn from Artie at **Captain Eddie's Fishing Station** that Larry Lannes and friend Bill on Friday totaled 53 keeper fluke from 15 to 18 inches on live killies and spearing at Squaw Island, incoming water best. Things slowed Saturday said Artie but still lots of sea bass and sand porgies were brought back by rental boats. Sunday saw a good mixed bag on worms and clam bait on flounder, porgies and blowfish.

Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh called the fluking fair this past week with catches averaging 3 to 15 keepers a boat, fish to 5 lbs. The keeper ratio is now 50 to 60 percent. Incoming has been best as has Reynolds at buoys 17 and 19, Middle Bay, Baldwin Bay and Garretts Lead. Flounder have been a good item along with a lot of little sea bass and porgies on worms. Best areas Swift and Big M. Try the same areas for blackfish to 3 lbs. and also sample the action at 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges on fiddlers. Good snapper action which is over by 7:30AM, on spearing. Liveliners are getting weaks, bass and blues in the early morning hours on live bunker and snapper at the Big M, south end of Haunts and the 3rd Wantagh on the ebb. Offshore bluefishing hot and cold, fish 4 to 12 lbs. plus some bonito mixed in. Boats drifting Cholera have been taking very nice fluke to 6 lbs. and fat sea bass to 2½ lbs.

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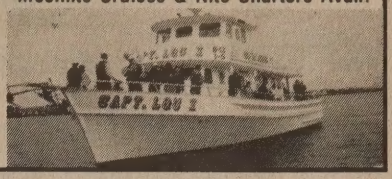

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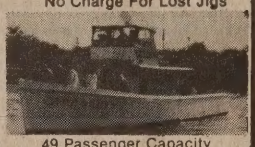

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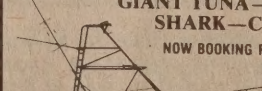

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brook knew of the fluking still going on in reynolds with fish to 2½ lbs. though he said Ambrose has been the best spot this past week producing fish to 5 lbs. Boats trolling the Virginia Wreck area have been picking yellowfin tuna on a fairly steady basis while the flounder action has been on the upswing on worms off the Short Beach CG Station.

From **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick, we learn of the good flounder catches in Swift Creek as reported by customers. Snappers are all over the place says Gary while the best fluking this week has been through Reynolds and in Jones Inlet, with the fluke season nearing an end.

Over in Freeport, word from the **Starstream II** is of good bluefishing all week, mostly SW of Farms, with all pools being taken by 15 lb. class fish. Fish are running 2 to 15 lbs., averaging 2 to 8. Occasional bonito, weakfish and albies are being caught mainly at 17 Fathoms. On some days jigging is best and on other days, baig and chum is the winning combo, depending on conditions and boat traffic.

JR at **Sea Isle** asked us to let all you live bait fishermen out there know that he has live mullet for sale at Sea Isle Sports, a very unusual live bait item. He says he intends to have Sea Ile become established as "the home of live bait."

A call from Capt. Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** advised that the boat is now switching to fall flounder. Catches so far have been decent, flatties to 1½ lbs. Night bluefishing trips have picked up strongly with fish to 20 lbs. Best area has been Cholera.

A call from Capt. Pat of the **Lady J** fleet said his boats only bluefished this week, some days utilizing jigs and some days utilizing bait and chum. Pat said catches were very good both day and night on mixed fish 1½ to 17 lbs. This week the fleet sailed trips for: J.C. Penny, Bob Meehan, AT&T, Xerox, Wantagh F/D, Manufacturers Hanover Trust, W.H. People Co., Sal Celi group, Marty Mirrione, NYC Sanitation, and Yellow Freight System, Inc.

We learn from the **Bluefin Fleet** that while the bluefishing was spotty this week, but when the fish decided to feed, they did it with a vengeance. Larry Stratton of Hempstead P.D. had 45. Lisa Berlitz bagged a 14¾ lber. Sam Blasi of Katz Communications had 12 big blues to 19 lbs. Lots of sea bass on local offshore wrecks which are also holding some large fluke. Tuna trips will be running October 1st and 15th and there are a couple of openings available on each. The skipper said if the trip becomes overbooked, he will use two boats so that no one gets shut out.

We learn from Capt. Mike Dannon of the **Captain Lou Fleet**, that both his boats have had a very good start to the fall floundering. On Tuesday, John DeRosa of Valley Stream had 58. Len Mitchko of Williston Pk, had 51; Bob Shankic of Glendale bagged 45, while Pat Purilli of Douglaston was satisfied with 41. All action was local and consistent all week. High hooks ran from the 30s to the 60s on the full day boat. On the half-day boat, Wednesday AMs trip was great with Harry O and wife Helen totalling 68 flatties while Nancy Locke of Massapequa scored with 39 and Bob Kelsall of Jackson Hts., 46. There were also plenty of sea bass, porgies and a few fluke and kings mixed in. Great fall fishing.

We hear from the **Freeport Boatmens Association** that the **Super Spray II** is staying with the fluke, noting plenty of action in Reynolds and in Jones Inlet. Night bluefishing has been good through Saturday at Cholera and 17 Fathoms, both day and night. The charter boats **Mirage** and **Christy Lee** had good yellowfin tuna action at the Mud Hole and other areas, with the latter also gathering up a 200 lb. bigeye. Lots of sea bass on the Angler and Cholera Banks.

Over in Pt. Lookout word out of **Ed's Fishing Station** is that rentals are still getting good fluke catches in the flats with over a 50 percent keeper ratio. Flounder action has been good at the Big M, off the CG station and in Swift with lots of sea bass and snappers all around the bay. Though action did slow down some this week due to the weather there was still plenty doing including a start of blacks on fiddlers at the Big M.

A call from Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** told of Thurday's and Friday's chumming at Cholera with big bluefish being caught 5 to 18 lbs. to the tune of 10 to 30 per person on butterfish and mackerel bait. Saturday's charter fished SE of Cholera for a fair catch of 2 to 4 lb. blues. Sunday's trip was extremely slow said the skipper due to conditions and very heavy boat traffic.

Aboard the **Miss Point Lookout** this week the skipper told of the excellent night bluefishing all week. Sal Nardino baged 26 blues, 12 to 16 lbs. Bob Citorski had 20 to 17 lbs. Saturday night Laura Milod had 16 up to 15 lbs., while Dennis Cyro of Bellrose had 45 fish and Rich Alveri took the pool with a 17 lber. Closing out the fluke season Art Hunstein took a 5 lber. on Saturday's PM trip. On Wednesday's PM trip 50 keepers came up in just 2 drifts at the tip of the jetty. The boat is presently flounder fishing with a bonus of plenty of action on sea bass and porgies.

Captain Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** is pretty happy with the bluefish catches of this past week. On Friday Manny Rappaport, RVC, hoisted 23 vicious blues 10 to 19 lbs. On Saturday Hank Levin of Jackson Hts., managed 28 to 14 lbs. including the pool fish, while on Sunday, Harold Silver had 25 big blues including a 15 lb. pool winner, all of which he took home with him to Kew Gardens. On another trip Dennis Martin of Baldwin socked it to a 15 lb. fish. Al says he is now chumming and jigging, depending on conditions and boat traffic. Action has been anywhere from 1 to 1¼ hrs. from the dock and Al says since he has started chumming these fish (on the last 4 trips) he has hit fish in 4 different places Thursday thru Sunday with over 300 fish per day. The night trips have been a lot better also, mostly at Cholera.

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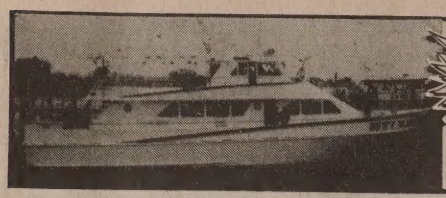

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Al Ragin of Manhattan decked this fine 9¾ lb. doormat fluke in Ambrose Channel. He did his fishing aboard the Jersey-based open boat, "Palace II."

flounder, fluke, sea bass and blackfish. Paul Apenal of Westbury bagged a 4 lb. fluke on a live killie just south of the loop bridge. Buoy 17 has been good for sea bass and flounder. The CG STation has been equally good and some fluke are still being drifted.

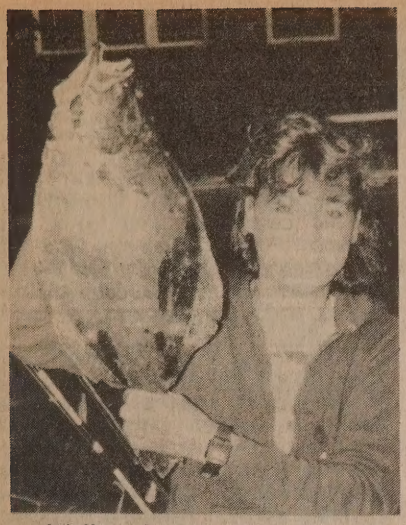
Over at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook we hear of Bill Weiss on Wednesday hoisting 40 keeper fluke to 3 lbs. along with a 10 lb. bonito at Ambrose channel with a very good keeper ratio now being enjoyed there. Big snappers and blue claws all around the local bays with the Pt. Lookout piers yielding good flounder catches all this past week for pier fishermen.

Bernie at **Long Beach Boat Rentals** said he himself had striped bass of 35 and 10 lbs. (which were returned to the water) on live bunker at the ABB. He said there's a little bit of everything around. Fluking has been best in the inlet and at buoy 1 on white bait. Flounder have started nicely with fish to 1½ lbs. on sand worms just east of the ABB. Fair blackfish action mixed in with sea bass at the ABB. Blues from cocktails to alligators periodically under the bunker schools in Reynolds. Sand porgies at the railroad trestle, while snappers and blue claws range throughout the bay.

Out of Atlantic Beach, Capt. Ron Lepper's charter boat **Kim** has been having excellent bluefish catches, fish 2 to 18 lbs. with an occasional beast of 20 lbs. Also a good number of weakfish mixed in plus a few school stripers. Ronnie says the tuna will be busting loose at the Mud Hole any day now.

NEW YORK BIGHT

At **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in Howard Beach Artie tells of good fluking on killie squid combos from both north and south channel bridges and all around the bay. Small blues have been good on chunks and larger ones on whole bunker from the bridges. Good snapper action on spearing with the snappers really nice size now. Porgies on worms a good item off both bridges with blackfishing on the upswing on fiddlers. Lots of sea bass mixed in with the drifted fluke. Five weakfish from 7 to 13.8 lbs. were caught in Canarsie bay on sand worms by pals Joe Bundani, Rich Levine and John Caraccio. They also had 12 fluke, 6 blues and 9 sea bass. The north channel bridge



Adeline Acquavello took pool honors aboard the Sheepshead Bay based open boat, "Zephyr" with this 6½ lb. fluke.

produced an 8½ lb. blue on a chunk for Frank Roberts along with 3 smaller ones. Sunday saw 5 pals, Frank, Larry, Mike, Dan and Chee gather up 50 keeper fluke 1½ to 3 lbs. on squid spearing combos in Canarsie Bay. They also had 4, 3 lb. blues.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay skipper Al Coley of the **Betty W. IV** spoke of very good blueifhing all week with a lot of weakfish mixed in. Blues ran from 1 to 18 lbs., averaging 5 to 6 lbers. on both day and night trips. Weaks ran 4 to 12 lbs. Also bonito and albies are starting to become mixed in to the catch with most of the week's action having been offshore Seabright.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** classified this week's fishing as good off the Jersey coast, despite the effects of the weather on some days. Butch also said that there are still fluke in the bays which have yet to move out, so "it ain't over yet, folks."

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

A turn to cool weather provided comfortable weekend fishing but did little to change the excellent representation of summer species. Porgies and bluefish continued to lead the local hit parade.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in **New Rochelle** had some good catches of both porgies and blues in the report. Mike DiCuffa

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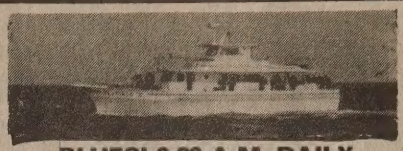

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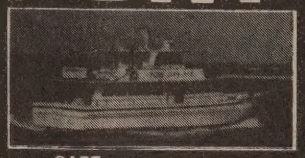

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Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** said that there were tautog off Eatons and the Coast Guard Station with some good early catches. Average sizes were around four pounds. Excellent bluefishing for teen-sized fish continued where ever the bunker schools cropped up. George Valentine said that some sharpies were taking more than three dozen slammers per boat, but the best fish at **Four Winds** had to be Steve Whitthuhn's 19.3 gorilla, taken on Sunday. Northport and Asharoken were good areas, and eight to ten blues per drift were possible while jigging off Eatons.

Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop** said that Ken and Cathy Katz on the "Reeler" had a fine weekend around Centerport with a catch of blues to eight pounds plus a five pound weakfish. Fluking off Sand City was either picky or very good, depending on whom you talked to. Bill and Stanley Coppers had one catch with fish to eight pounds. Fred Castle managed seven fluke to three and a half pounds around Lloyds. Duck and the Cosletts had a big catch of slammers in Milton's Harbor, fishing from "Shorty's Revenge". Sands Point featured good numbers of scup with some mediums.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** was still seeing catches of fluke off Big Tom. Several dozen keepers were still possible. Best scup fishing was around Larchmont, Pea Island and Prospect Point, but porgies were just about everywhere. Fiddlers and green crabs were already producing small tautog, and there seemed to be lots of blue claw crabs around.

In the area near the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** bluefish were still moving in and out with most of the large fish taken on bunker. John Cacciola's Four Moon Contest saw Artie Miller and Ron Oldenburg split the bluefish prizes. Miller had an 18.3 and Oldenburg a 16.5, fishing from a boat, while Oldenburg had an 11.13 and Miller had an 11.1 from the Garbage Point Ramp.

Dom Cerbone was happy about the large porgies on the **Apache** on drops in fourty feet of water or more. The fish are everywhere from Center Island to Smithtown Bay, and there are a dozen or more tautog to four pounds every day plus a by-catch of sea bass and fluke. There seem to be enough fish for everybody on the **North Star** as well, according to **Jack's Bait**.

The town of Oyster Bay and the Oyster Bay Marine Supply are sponsoring a bluefish tournament on September 14th from 5 a.m. thur 5 p.m. Registration is at the Marine Supply or at the Town Office on 47 West Main. Call 922-8010 for details.

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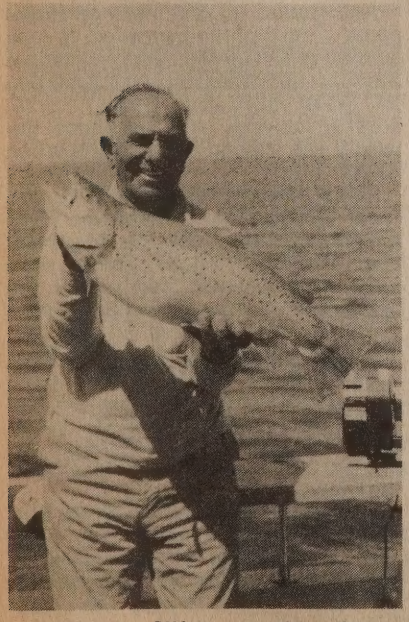

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Harbor had two solid days of bluefishing.

Some of the fancy bluefish jigging was detailed by John Alberda of **Sound Charters** TJ. Catches ranged from around thirty fish in a half day to five times that amount in a full day. The Howard Levine party and two of Don Goodman's parties did very well on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday with some three to five bass to fifteen pounds for photos and released on each trip.

Candy Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** said that customers were picking lots of porgies between the Sea Buoy and the Bell Buoy with mixed sizes. Night chunking was productive in the harbors, and there were still some fluke around. John Davi and Kevin Clark provided the report from **Ralph's** in **Mount Sinai** where there were early blackfish and a lot of smaller scup available. The best bluefish noted by chunkers inside the harbor was a 13.8.

Bill Brown geared up for a Montauk trip at the **Complete Angler** and was thrilled with the 130 pound tuna that was the result.

NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack at **Warren's** in **Aquebogue** noted some three to five pound weakfish around Buoy 2 with catches to ten fish on squid and sandworms. There were occasional blues to eight pounds trolled on tubes between the Canal and Robin's Island. Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** had some very good mixed catches of tautog, porgies and weaks in a hole between Nassau Point and the South Race. Crabbing at local bridges was also very good.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** noted a catch of nine weakfish to nine pounds from the Monastery in Noyac Bay and still liked the porgy fishing off Mashomack and Cedar Points. Bluefishing was still excellent between the Ruins and Constellation Rock.

Sound reports came from Maureen Caraftis at Charlie's **Mattituck Fishing Station** and from the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station**. There were some large bluefish taken near the Breakwater on bunker chunks with plenty of smaller bluefish on top. Blackfish were showing at the Firing Range with best sizes around seven and a half pounds. Still, most of the tautog were small, however, porgy sizes have improved noticeably, especially in the deeper water around the Motel.

Ruth White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** saw a very good catch of blackfish off Orient by I. Lopes and friends as well as an exceptional mixed bag by the "We-Go".

The **Captain Bob** had excellent porgy action on medium fish with a smattering of large scup around the Northville Pipe. Bob Ceglowski finds

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Rod DeLisle called to say that bluefishing on the **Prowler** had been great all week. His grandchildren filled the boat with fish to eleven pounds from Pigeon Rip and Plum Gut on one trip, and a Saturday trip for porgies had been very good as well. Pete Izzo called in a report on the **BoAnne II** from the Orient Lighthouse and Plum Island. There were lots of blackfish to around four pounds with an occasional pool over seven. Saturday's charter by Pools By Us also had sea bass and scup. The **Prime Time III** resumes a daily 8 a.m. schedule for tautog on September 10th.

The super porgy season continues for the **Brand X** and the **Peconic Star**, according to a lengthy report phoned in by Larry Porter. Some of the New London fish are truely jumbos, as Porter weighed a 3.12 last week. It's not unusual to average twenty to twenty-five fish per fare and pros can double that a take of medium to large fish now.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

While this week's report may be lacking somewhat in specifics, there is enough evidence of good numbers of fish along the beaches. An early spell of cool weathe and an abundance of bait, particularly near the south shore inlets, has gotten the fall fishing off to an early start.

Out in Montauk, Johnny Kronuch at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** reported blues now an everyday occurrence at the Point, with the lighthouse area particularly hot, right up through Monday morning (9-8-86). Some weaks along with school bass reported mixed with the blues at night. Action has been spread north through False Bar and the North Bar area as well. Most of the blues range from 4 to 7 lbs. and have been hammering poppers and tins mornings and evenings. blues have also been along the south side, but fishing there has not been as consistent of late.

I had it from a very reliable source that Shinnecock Inlet, the scene of some hectic bluefish action two weekends ago, was void of fish and bait this weekend. However, not too far to the east, Chris Salb of **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in Sag Harbor, reported 3 lb. blues and 8 to 10 lb. weakfish in the local surf (Bridgehampton area) all week long. Best action has been sunrise and sunset on

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Casters working the Moriches shore including Smith Point and Moriches Inlet got in some good innings with big blues and a sprinkling of big bass. Paul Graniello at **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue reported on the efforts of several Patchogue Fishing Club members. Greg Maynard culled 4 big blues to 14 lbs. from the Smith Pt. surf on popping plugs. This was an exception as virtually all of the other fish taken along the beach fell to bunker chunks. Dave Ebner put away a couple of teen blues along with a 30 lb. bass. Andy Torry clicked with a similar sized bass while a caster known only as Rubberhead put a pair of big blues on the scale. Non members that got in on the action included Dan Steigerwald who accounted for a trio of teen sized choppers on bait. Billy Kobel nailed an 18½ lb. slammer on Saturday, Also on Saturday night, Jim Paris and Frank D checked in with 7 lbs. to 14 lbs. and also reported releasing a 38 inch striper. Striper Surf Club member Leif Gobel and Mike Landon trekked west to Fire Island Inlet where they scored handily with teen sized blues on both Friday and Saturday nights.

Tom Healy at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon lacks specifics but said there was plenty of talk around to indicate there's been some good surf action going on this week. He knew of blues to 17 lbs. taken at Cedar Beach in recent days and nights and of smaller blues at Robt. Moses. He also weighed weaks of 13 and 15 lbs. for a caster who preferred anonymity. They were taken on bait in FII .

Chester Shew at **Z Crab Tackle** in Copiague checked in a catch of 3 blues from 14 to 16.3 lbs. taken at Cedar

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Beach on bunker chunks by Dominic Santillo Saturday.

According to Mike Nicoletti of **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh, there are lots of small bass in the early part of the week out front at West End Jones Beach. Through Thursday, quite a few 4 to 8 lb. blues with some larger being taken on chunk baits north of the radio shack at west end. The tackle man also knew of a few weaks at Democrat Pt. and at the buggy entrance at Robt. Moses taken on bait Sunday morning.

Thanks to Gateway Striper Club member Joe Augeri we were able to gather some surf news to the west this week. Joe revealed that fellow club member John Hanson nailed weaks of 8 and 12 lbs. as well as 4 blues from 8 to 15 lbs. at Manhattan Beach in Brooklyn on Tuesday night. He used bunker chunks and told Joe that a number of other fish were lost after biting through wire leaders. Joe himself worked the back side of Breezy Point on Thursday night. His efforts were well rewarded by six weaks from 8 to 10 lbs. All were taken on Redfins. He also knew of some real good bluefish action on a couple of mornings this past week. Scene of the action was Fort Tilden where many 3 to 7 lb. choppers were taken on plugs and tins.

Very little to report from the north shore, though we do know from Stan Hentschel that there was some good bass action on Friday and Saturday night along local beaches in the vicinity of his **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**. There's still some big blues in the 8 to 12 lb. range being taken on bunker chunks at night. Dirty water and poor wind conditions cut down on most action during the week.

Sunken Meadow state park produced some good action with school bass and bluefish on a couple of occasions late in the week and on the weekend.

Freshwater REPORT *with Tom Schlichter*

A solid week of action for anglers working the sweet-water side with plenty of bass the main attraction. While lunkers were few (especially compared to last week), most tackle shops we spoke with felt that the number of small to medium sized bass were enough to keep everybody happy. Trout continue to feed well within the confines of Connetquot River State Park but remain inconsistent just about every place else.

Mike Nicolletti of **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**, reports fast fishing from the banks of South Twin Lake with crappies feeding exclusively on small live killies. Best action seems to be just before dark. A few small pickerel have also showed in these catches. Fishermen working the middle of the lake in the early morning are taking one or two keeper bigmouths apiece with yellow and green spinnerbaits proving to be the best weapon. Over in the Mill Pond, catfish are the name of the game with the bottom feeders hitting vigorously in front of the waterfall after dark. Most of these fish have checked in at about one pound. A regular to the shop named Ray collected sixteen in one evening this week.

From **Edelman's Sportsman's Center** in **Farmingdale**, Fred Laager informs us that Charlie Baker worked the Peconic River with a yellow and green Crazy Shad, connecting with a 4.4 pound bass and two pickerel of about two pounds. Fishing on Lake Ronkonkoma last Saturday, Carl Waterman crawled a black plastic worm to fool largemouths of three pounds and 2.75 pounds.

I got a chance to squeeze in an hour and a half at Artist Lake on evening early last week and managed to catch and release a thirteen inch bass and three large crappies. All four fish fell for a small Chummin' Minnow.

Over at **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**, Rod informs us that while he had no names to report, he did know that anglers were doing quite well with trout in Connetquot River State Park. Over at Bubbles Falls and Rattlesnake Creek, however, trout action has tapered off considerably. Ron hadn't heard much on bass this week, save for a few small fish taken in Cuttings Pond, Oakdale.

At **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue**, John informed us that bass are feeding well as the weeds continue to subside in Patchogue's Lace Mill Pond. Crappies and other panfish are also hitting well at this location.

"Excellent Fishing!" is the prognosis from George Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**. Anglers are catching all the small bass and panfish they can handle and a few bigger fish are mixing in as well. Claude Woodley of Riverhead, took a 3.5 pound largemouth out of Peconic River over the weekend while Glenn Miller clicked with a bass of 4.6 pounds. John and Chris Osborne of Westhampton, were rewarded for their efforts with two bass to 3.5 pounds and several small pickerel. While most anglers were concentrating on the panfish and bass, George Valente turned his attention to carp and pleased himself by clicking with two in the ten pound class. George added that a youngster stopped by the shop on Sunday with a bluegill that checked in at a whopping 1.5 pounds.

From Bill Johnson of **Odessey Charters** in upstate **Rochester**, New York, we learned that the salmon run continues red hot with the fish rapping black, chartruse and chrome J-plugs in ten to twenty feet of water. Most of the kings are stationed off of the Genessee River with patrons seeing fish in the twenty pound to thirty pound class on each trip.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	1:35	2:15	2:20	3:00	2:10	2:50	3:20	3:45	4:55	5:15	5:05	5:30	1:40	2:20	9/11
FRI.	2:45	3:25	3:25	4:10	3:20	3:55	4:35	4:55	6:15	6:40	6:15	6:40	2:50	3:25	9/12
SAT.	4:00	4:35	4:45	5:20	4:40	5:10	5:45	6:00	8:05	8:30	7:30	7:55	4:00	4:30	9/13
SUN.	5:15	5:40	5:55	6:25	5:50	6:15	6:50	7:10	9:20	9:40	8:35	9:00	5:05	5:30	9/14
MON.	6:15	6:35	7:00	7:25	6:55	7:10	7:45	8:00	10:15	10:40	9:35	9:55	6:00	6:25	9/15
TUES.	7:10	7:25	7:55	8:15	7:45	8:00	8:35	9:00	11:05	11:25	10:30	10:50	6:50	7:15	9/16
WED.	7:55	8:10	8:40	9:05	8:30	8:45	9:20	9:45	11:50	—	11:15	11:35	7:35	8:00	9/17
THURS.	8:35	8:50	9:25	9:45	9:15	9:30	10:00	10:25	12:15	12:30	11:55	—	8:20	8:40	9/18

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/11	6:36	7:17
FRI. 9/12	6:37	7:15
SAT. 9/13	6:38	7:14
SUN. 9/14	6:39	7:12
MON. 9/15	6:40	7:10
TUE. 9/16	6:41	7:08
WED. 9/17	6:42	7:06

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/11	3:00PM	11:40PM
FRI. 9/12	4:05PM	12:10AM
SAT. 9/13	4:55PM	1:00AM
SUN. 9/14	5:35PM	2:00AM
MON. 9/15	6:10PM	3:15AM
TUE. 9/16	6:35PM	4:30AM
WED. 9/17	7:00PM	5:40AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
9/4	9/11	9/18	9/26

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	11:50	5:40	—	6:10
Fri.	12:25	6:40	12:50	7:10
Sat.	1:25	7:40	1:50	8:10
Sun.	2:25	8:35	2:45	9:05
Mon.	3:20	9:25	3:35	9:55
Tues.	4:10	10:15	4:25	10:40
Wed.	4:55	11:00	5:10	11:20
Thurs.	5:35	11:40	5:50	11:55

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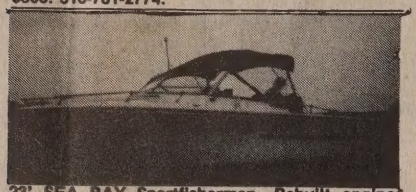

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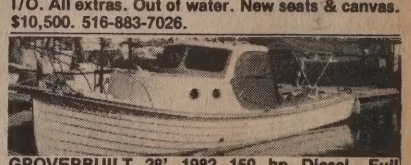

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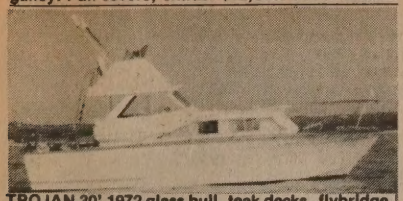

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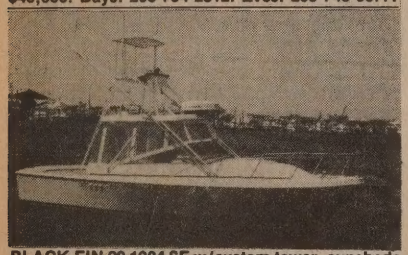

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1975 Cruiser Inc. 19' cuddy, Porta-Potti, new top, compass, dual batt. 1975 Johnson 135 hp, newly rebuilt powerhead. Mint cond. Reduced for quick sale-$6800.

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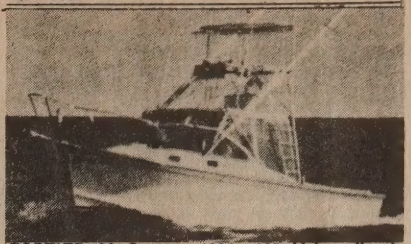

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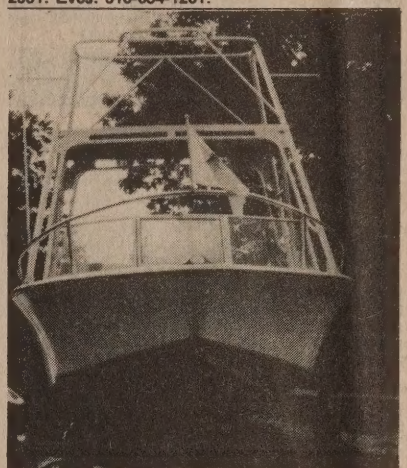

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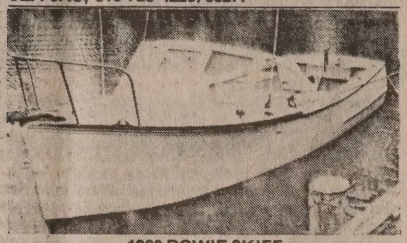

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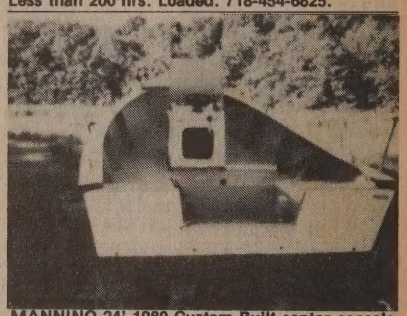

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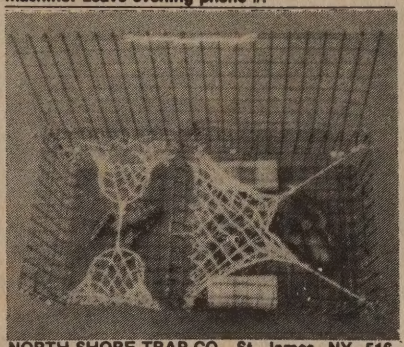

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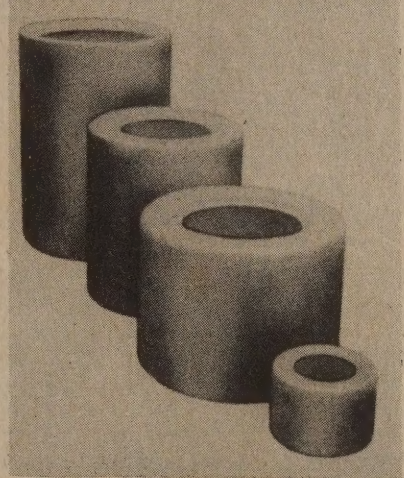

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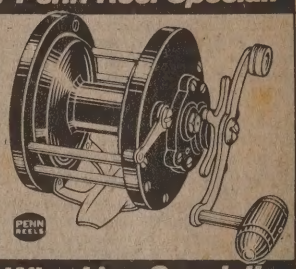

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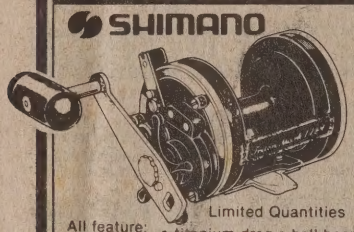

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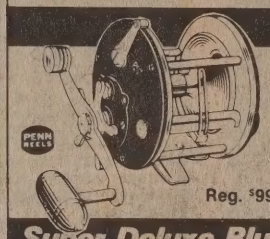

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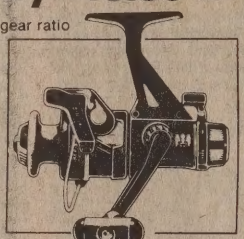

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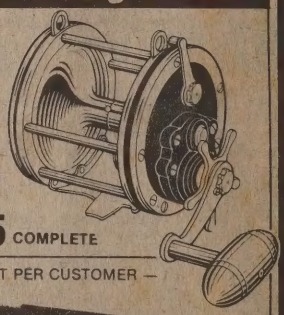

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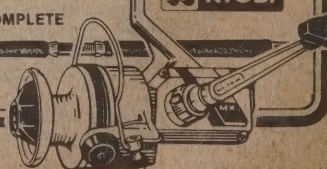

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